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## OLYMPIC AT LAST!



TOP — First goal scorer Alistair Edwards eludes Ian Gray in last Sunday's QNSL grand final. ABOVE — party time for the Sydney Olympic faithful on the northern hill at Parramatta Stadium. LEFT — Man of the Match Abbas Saad raises the championship trophy — Photos HECTOR CARRASCO.

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BRADLEY REPORT

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# Bradley puts jigsaw in place

BY KEITH GILMOUR

**AFTER almost 110 years of existence, Australian soccer at last has a working document upon which genuine progress can be based.**

A reading of Dr Graham Bradley's Final Report (minus the appendices) shows that the grounding now has been laid, and now it is up to the Australian Soccer Federation, the states and the NSL clubs to put the future of the game first and foremost.

The report appears much better than the infamous curate's egg, which was only good in parts, although it does have aspects that must be further examined.

The restriction of the NSL to four teams each in Sydney and Melbourne is a reasonable start, starting in the 1991/92 season.

It has long been obvious that Sydney's city end clubs in particular will have to put their heads together, and there is need for similar treatment in Melbourne.

Only Marconi (Fairfield Marconi) receives conditional recognition as meeting NSL criteria, and who can argue with that?

In the short term Bradley recommends 14 clubs with two possibilities to be added later.

If four teams are drawn from each of Sydney and Melbourne and two from Adelaide, then Wollongong, Newcastle, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Perth and Canberra may compete for four places.

Some worthwhile thinking has gone into the vexatious promotion and relegation question.

Instead of "relegation" would come "exclusion" based on sound criteria. The report allows that in future there will be less clubs that can meet the criteria.

However, it requires much more refinement, as clubs would have to go in Sydney and Melbourne after two years, even if they have done the right thing and are superior to their replacements.

After next season applications will be called from NSL and State League clubs. Viability will be judged on financial soundness, ground, crowd support, strength of team and promotional and development abilities.

Salary and transfer caps will be instituted.

New clubs would pay a franchise fee of \$50,000/\$100,000 and all would contribute an annual \$30,000.

There seems to be no reference to registration of clubs under the com-



TONY LABBOZZETTA — satisfied with the Bradley Report.

panies acts or the relevant associations acts.

The suggested organisational system is generally well conceived, with the Chief Executive Officer occupying an extremely important role.

He is one of seven commissioners. Four would be drawn from the game, one of whom comes from the NSL.

and two from outside the code.

Three major committees will be set up, covering national and interstate matters, international competition and development.

Perhaps predictably politics appear to have prevented the question of a divided NSW being addressed.

## Venglos' coaching decision is close

**CURRENT Czechoslovak World Cup coach Dr Josef Venglos will give the Australian Soccer Federation an early decision over his availability to take over the Socceroos.**

Dr Venglos told ASW Chairman John

Constantine that he will discuss the matter with his wife and two sons over the next few days.

Mr Constantine was quite struck with Venglos' outlook and said that "the talks went very well."

The ASF executive has to make an early decision between Venglos, Eddie Thomson, Berti Mariani and Rale Rasic.

## SBS ready for World Cup

SBS-TV last week hosted a dinner at their Sydney headquarters to wish bon voyage to their team of presenters, producers and technicians.



Les Murray and the band will be sending back a tremendous cover of World Cup football, which begins on June 9 Australian time.

Media people from Perth to Brisbane were brought in for the event, which began imaginatively with a magnificent fireworks display from an adjacent point on the Syd-

ney Harbour.

Chief executive Brian Johns gave an enthusiastic presentation of the network's aim to cement its relationship with the Australian public through the medium of the world's greatest sporting event.

Fortunately for soccer fans outside the SBS area, the ABC will be giving live cover in the centres not covered by SBS.

Any packages they present elsewhere will not go to air until after SBS screens its own live match cover.

— KEITH GILMOUR

## Warren honoured in new Award

BY DAVID SMEDLEY

**JOHN Warren's devotion to soccer has been perhaps belatedly recognised with the naming of the Quit NSL's Player of the Year Award in his honour.**

"To be recognised in this manner by the National Soccer League is an enormous honour and comes as a great surprise to me.

"In any sport, a players' player of the year award is the ultimate accolade. Being



John Warren (right) — now honoured is his own right.

The vote is taken by the players themselves, a situation that Warren long advocated and which pleases him immensely.

League chairman Sam Papasavas said; "John is without doubt Australian soccer's most well known personality, despite the fact that his playing career terminated almost 15 years ago.

"He has since his retirement chosen to continue his involvement in a variety of successful roles. He is a highly qualified coach, a successful marketer, author, and a greatly respected newspaper, radio and television journalist."

Warren said he was overwhelmed by the honour.

recognised by one's peers as the best player is the highest achievement any sportsperson can receive. To have my name associated with such an award is unbelievable."

Warren is, of course, also well known to ASW readers as its resident columnist.

The five leading contenders for the 1990 Warren Medal are: Zjelko Adzic (Melbourne Croatia), Greg Brown (Melita Eagles), Ian Gray (Marconi), Tom McCulloch (Marconi) and Branko Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia).

The winner will receive the award on May 26 at the Quit NSL Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency, Adelaide.

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# SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MARCONI 2-0

## Sydney Olympic end drought with superb grand final win

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC created history when they took out their first-ever grand final by beating Marconi 2-0 before a massive NSL record crowd of 26,353 at Sydney's Parramatta Stadium on Sunday.**

This was the club's first major title in its 31-year history, going back to the old Pan Hellenic days.

And Olympic did it under the most adverse conditions, playing their last seven matches in 20 days under the constant threat of 'sudden death' all the way to the Grand Final.

Their goal heroes were striker Alistair Edwards (35m) and midfielder Robbie Ironside (61m).

But Olympic had numerous heroes, none more outstanding than central defender Andrew ('The Birch') Bernal, who cut out everything coming his way, and fiery striker Abbas Saad, who repeatedly stretched Marconi with deep, wide unselfish raids.

Right midfielder Grant Lee was involved in both goals with an excellent throughball, plus a well measured corner.

and flank defenders Davie Barrett and Robbie Hooker nullified all attacks thrust at them down the line.

The opening goal was a classic team affair.

Marconi, attacking down the right, saw Bernal dispossess Gary van Egmond to race away down the left touchline before knocking on to Ironside. Ironside relayed to Lee who fired a through-ball to his striker, Edwards.

Edwards latched onto the ball, flashed past Marconi's left back Jean-Paul de Marigny, before unleashing a left-footed drive past the advancing giant frame of Bobby Catlin from 12 metres out.

Ironside's 'killer-goal' was well planned. A Lee corner from the left saw lanky sweeper Tony Dakos easily nod down for Ironside to gratefully blast first-time from right.

There can be no doubt that Olympic's top man was their phlegmatic 42-year-old English coach Michael Hickman, who took over from Eddie Thomson this season.

Hickman not only brought stability and respect to the club, but he has finally achieved the

glory the club had been starved of.

For it was Hickman, the bricklayer, that laid Olympic's solid foundations, building quietly, unfussed, and keeping a low key profile.

One would have thought that with the turbulent, political upheavals that hit Hickman and his team over the last three or four weeks, there was no way Olympic would even make the grand final, let alone win it.

But Hickman rode out the storm and did it 'his way'.

The first half was a cat and mouse affair as both sets of players made errors due to the tension of the occasion.

Berti Mariani, Marconi's coach, set back Olympic right from the kick-off by leaving out attacking midfielders Gerry Gomez and Peter Katholos and lining up with three front runners against Sydney Olympic's duo of Saad and Edwards.

Joining Fred de Jong and David Lowe in the firing line was the surprise choice, Vince Colagiuri, as a striker.

But Olympic held fast, with heroics being performed by tenacious centre-back Bernal,

who was absolutely outstanding. Bernal led Barrett, Dakos and Robbie Hooker by example.

Another hero was Saad, who despite carrying an injury, showed tremendous enterprise up front in the first half. Despite being chopped down twice, he 'carried the bat' five minutes short of fulltime before Hickman replaced him with Marko Perinovic.

But the threat of Marconi's chief weapon, their lethal 'middle-line' of Ian Gray, Tommy McCulloch and Paul Okon, taking control was ever-present until the 61st minute when Olympic's 'Wheel-chair' Ironside nailed his side's second and killing goal.

The NSL champion of the past two years was down. Would Olympic keep them down on the canvas?

They did.

**MARCONI:** Catlin, van Egmond, Calderan, Wheatley, de Marigny (Gomez 78m), Gray, McCulloch, Okon, Colagiuri (Katholos 62m), de Jong, Lowe.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Gosling, Barrett, Bernal, Dakos, Hooker, Lee, Phillips, Ironside, Refenes, Saad (Perinovic 85m), Edwards.

**Scorers:** Edwards 35m, Ironside 61m for Sydney Olympic.

**Yellow cards:** McCulloch 37m, Wheatley 63m for Marconi.

**Referee:** John Santa Isabel.

**Crowd:** 26,353.



The marching band and pre-match ceremonies at last Sunday's Grand Final made it truly a match to remember.

### KUDOS FOR PRESENTATION

**THE NSL has copped enough criticism in the past for the banality of their big-match presentations, but this year the lead-up and presentation of the Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium was first-class.**

In fact, it was the best I've ever seen — and my experience of Grand Finals goes back to the very first NSW Federation one, in 1957 between Canterbury and Auburn.

The splendid Hornsby Golden Kangaroos band and the Australian Cowgirls were of the highest professional order and helped make last Sunday the red-letter day for Australian soccer it was.

The huge (Australian this time, thankfully) flags and balloons on the pitch as the teams came out and the original and colourful "archways" the players punctured as they took up their positions were delightful touches which finally proved soccer, too, can present a "big game" as well as any rival code.

Equally pleasing was the behaviour of the record crowd and I, personally, saw nothing wrong with hundreds of Olympic fans jumping the fence to invade — peacefully — the pitch after the final whistle to celebrate with their heroes.

Olympic's deserved triumph had been a long time coming, so who could begrudge them their harmless fun, which only added to the big time atmosphere.

Congratulations are in order. Well done NSL — and let's try for the Sydney Football Stadium for next year's grand final.

— LOU GAUTIER

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A picture is worth a thousand words as a distraught Jean-Paul de Marigny reflects on Sydney Olympic's second goal while the Olympic players rush to congratulate scorer Robbie Ironside. The 61st minute goal killed Marconi off and Olympic were on their way towards their first NSL title — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

### GRAND FINAL STATISTICS

	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	MARCONI
Shots at goal	8	5
Shots off target	4	10
Corner Kicks	6	5
Free Kicks	12	13
Offsides	7	2
Yellow Cards	0	2

— compiled by MARIO ETCHART



## From the locker rooms

### Quotable quotes

BY KEITH GILMOUR



**Mick Hickman (Sydney Olympic coach):** "Unbelievable, unbelievable!"

**Peter Raskopoulos (Manager):** "A tremendous performance! I thought Abbas deserved his Marston Medal, closely followed by Bernal and Dakos, but it was a great display by every player."

**NSW Premier Nick Greiner (earlier booed by the Olympic fans):** "I have always had Olympic's interests at heart."



**Robbie Ironside (as he sprayed champagne around the dressing room):** "Whacko!"

**Grant Lee:** "I won Grand Final medals with Sydney City in 1981 and 1982, but this one is the best."

**Abbas Saad:** "I'm off to play for Singapore and I won't be back until after the start of the next NSL season."

**Alistair Russell:** "I will also be playing for Singapore. What happens after that remains to be seen."

**Berti Mariani (Marconi coach):** "Naturally I am disappointed, but I wouldn't have changed the starting line-up, even with the benefit of hindsight."

"A couple of players played below par, and we were caught up by playing their type of football for the first 45 minutes. Later we did better."



"I was looking to bring 'Kat' on when we were one down but then the second goal came."

"We got the minor premiership, but now all we can do is congratulate Sydney Olympic for their win."

**Steve Calderan:** "The effort was there, but the normal playing pattern was missing. All credit to Olympic."

"A couple of months break will do us all a power of good."

"We've had about 58 games in two seasons and we've won the championship twice."

"There is a burden in every game when you are the champions."

**Ivo Prskalo (assistant coach):** "We were completely wrong to use the long ball."

"We lost the mid-field, and then the defence did not supply the ball from behind."

"Congratulations to Olympic — all 11 of them."

**Joe Marston (Man of the Match Award presenter):** "Congratulations, Abbas, on a great win in the first ever award."



**ALL PHOTOS BY  
HECTOR CARRASCO**

**TOP —** Olympic captain Robbie Hooker holds the NSL championship trophy aloft after accepting it from NSW Premier Nick Greiner who looks on. **ABOVE —** Jubilant Sydney Olympic fans in full cry at Parramatta Stadium as their heroes finally crack the jackpot.

## AS I SAW IT

BY JOHN WARREN

**SOME thoughts on the grand final...**

The doubters about the wisdom of crowning our national champion via the grand final must now be silenced forever.

Sure, it can be argued that it is not the fairest way to determine the right champion but our game is about events which attract and the record crowd for this year's grand final surely puts to rest the argument that first past the post is the way we should go.

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A promotional problem with the grand final, however, could be overcome by staging the NSL Cup final in between the championship final and grand final.

The problem for the league is that until a week before the grand final they don't know who is playing.

As such, a week lead-up to promote the event is not long enough.

By staging the Cup final between the championship final and the grand final it would give the league, the clubs and promoters two weeks to do an even better job than this year's grand final.

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The 26,000-plus crowd at Parramatta deserve a big pat on the back for the way they behaved.

With every mainstream media outlet at the event just waiting for soccer to put a foot wrong, the crowd did our game a great service with their exemplary behaviour.

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My main criticism of the grand final was the presentation ceremony.

A final word on Marconi, which did not have one of its better days.

In the past Marconi have shown us how to win with style and class.

In losing to Sydney Olympic, Marconi also showed us how to accept defeat in the same manner.

Something, which in the heat of the moment, is not easy to do.

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# Big Match Highlights

## A Saad day for Marconi

BY LOU GAUTIER

**THERE** was enough action and high quality pressure football in Sunday's QNSL electrifying grand final to satisfy even the most fastidious connoisseur.

Sydney Olympic successfully based their tactics on counter-attacks, all of them dangerous.

An out of sorts Marconi enjoyed plenty of possession, but rarely, if ever, looked like scoring.

Here are the minute by minute highlights of a match which did our much-maligned club soccer proud in every respect:

### FIRST HALF

3.05 Victorian referee John Santa-Isabel sets the ball on its merry 90-minute away after Olympic wins the toss in front of 26,352 spectators.

3.06 First blood to Sydney Olympic as Grant Lee heads a Gary Phillips cross from the right wide of Bob Catlin's goalposts.

3.07 Tommy McCulloch is in the clear, but Steve Refenes' sliding tackle clears the danger.

3.09 A Phillips freekick finds Robbie Hooker whose 16-metre shot is easily stopped by Catlin.

3.13 The first corner of the match goes to Olympic, taken by Refenes.

3.16 Lee's header presents no problems for a well positioned Catlin.

3.22 The first of Marconi's five corners — taken by Gary van Egmond.

3.25 A promising Olympic build-up is aborted when Steve Calderan breaks up the final pass between Lee and Abbas Saad.

3.25 Another promising Olympic attack ends



**The penalty incident claimed by Marconi as Tommy McCulloch is decked by a protesting Tony Dakos — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.**

with a feeble low shot from Lee, comfortably dealt with by Catlin.

3.28 Lee heads David Barrett's cross over the bar.

3.32 Van Egmond heads a Jean-Paul de Marigny centre over Clint Gosling's bar.

3.34 David Lowe's accurate cross from the left goes over the heads of three team-mates, and when the ball finally gets to McCulloch, his header sails over the bar.

3.37 Catlin does well to punch away, with both fists, an inswinging Saad corner.

3.40 A brilliant Andrew Bernal tackle on van Egmond in the Olympic box results in the ball being relayed upfield by Robbie Ironside, who immediately passes to Lee, whose perfect throughball to Alistair Edwards is calmly slotted into the net past a floundering Gosling. **Sydney Olympic 1 Marconi 0.**

3.42 Marconi hotly appeal for a penalty when McCulloch is

brought down five metres from the Olympic goalline, but referee Santa-Isabel wouldn't have any of it.

3.43 McCulloch cops the first of the game's two yellow cards.

3.47 Refenes breaks down the left wing but his pulsating 40-metre dash ends with an angled drive about two metres wide of the far post.

3.48 Saad's direct freekick from 22 metres sails over Catlin's bar.

3.50 Half-time.

### SECOND HALF

4.04 Start of the second period.

4.09 Fred de Jong forces a corner, taken by van Egmond. The ball lands on de Jong's head, but goes well over the goal.

4.12 Paul Okon, from the left wing, lifts the ball to McCulloch, whose shot is off-target.

4.14 Okon again, from the same position. This time it's de Jong who boots the ball, again, over the bar.

4.14 A magnificent one-handed save from

Catlin denies Lee a certain goal.

4.16 Saad breaks away on the right, passes to Edwards, in the clear, but a quick sortie by Catlin results in another decisive, goal-robbing save.

4.18 Saad again, this time it's a throughball for Lee whose cross floats across the Marconi goalmouth where a panicky Marconi defence is lucky to get away with a corner kick.

4.20 From a Lee corner, Tony Dakos nods down a cross for Ironside to bounce a shot off Catlin's leg and into the net. **Sydney Olympic 2 Marconi 0.**

4.21 Peter Katholos comes in for Vince Colagiuri for Marconi.

4.22 A yellow card to Robbie Wheatley.

4.35 From a de Marigny corner, Olympic mount a typical counter-attack which ends with Ironside shooting over the bar.

4.38 Berti Mariani brings in Gerry Gomez for de Marigny...far too late, alas.

4.39 From a Katholos corner kick, de Jong heads over the Marconi posts.

4.41 Olympic's Marko Perinovic comes in for man-of-the-match Saad, who had come in for plenty of "stick" in his 82 minutes on the park.

4.42 De Jong heads over the bar — again from a "Kat" corner.

4.46 Edwards eludes his marker, sends Perinovic through, but Catlin comes out in the nick of time to block the danger.

4.49 Referee Santa Isabel blows the final whistle — signalling 20 minutes of ecstatic Sydney Olympic celebrations on and off the Paramatta Stadium pitch which, incidentally, was a big improvement on recent weeks.



**Marconi's Jean-Paul de Marigny did not delight the purists with this unconventional tackle on his unsuspecting Sydney Olympic opponent last Sunday.**

## Players' ratings

BY LOU GAUTIER

ON ASW's usual scale of 0 to 10, these are the points I awarded to the 1989/90 grand finalists:

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** GOSLING 7, BARRETT 7, BERNAL 8, DAKOS 8, HOOKER 7, LEE 7, PHILLIPS 7,

IRONSIDE 7, RE-FENES 7, SAAD 8, EDWARDS 7.

**MARCONI:** CATLIN 7, VAN EGMOND 5, CALDERAN 6, WHEATLEY 6, DE MARIGNY 5, GRAY 6, MC CULLOCH 6, OKON 6, COLAGIURI 4, DE JONG 6, LOWE 5.

No points awarded to substitutes Gomez, Katholos and Perinovic.



Referee John Santa-Isabel, a surprise choice for the QNSL grand final, while not influencing the result in any way, has been seen to better advantage.

I gave him a just average rating of 5.

## SAAD'S AWARD



**ABBAS SAAD** became the first winner of the Joe Marston Award when he was selected grand final player of the match.

The panel consisted of Marston, Les Scheinflug and John Warren.

The award will be presented annually — a fitting tribute to Australian-born Joe Marston, a former English professional and captain of Australia in the 1950s.

This is how the panel voted: Saad 3 points, Edwards 2, Phillips 1; Saad 3, Edwards 2, Phillips 1; Edwards 3, Saad 2, Dakos 1.

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# An impressive crop

BY TED SIMMONS (AAP)

**AUSTRALIA'S potential for the World Youth Championship next year has received favourable nods from caretaker national coaches Les Scheinflug and Eddie Thomson.**



LES SCHEINFLUG

Scheinflug was impressed with his first training session involving the Australian youth squad after the 30 members had been taken through their paces at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

"We had them there over the past week to analyse the players

with training twice daily and matches on two days," said Scheinflug.

"It looks quietly promising and we have the foundation to do well in the world championships".

Regular National League players David Seal, Matt Bingley, Paul Okon, John Kakakios and Lorenz Kindtner were among names discussed by the coaches as well as the goalkeeping trio of Mark Schwarzer, Joe Rados and Zeljko Kalac.

The 'squad' will gather again on June 17 for another camp and for four days from July 5 before leaving for an Asian tour which will include Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia.

"We are always looking for copies of Paul Trimboli and Frank Farina but won't always get it although the current squad is pretty good," said Scheinflug.



ABOVE — Matt Bingley, one of the young lions Australia will be counting on. ABOVE RIGHT — Paul Okon, another exciting new star on Australia's soccer horizon.

it was essential to get to know the players and what positions they can play best.

"Australian players are now tactically more aware of the modern game in soccer," he said.

"But what they need more than anything else is international exposure to prepare for the bigger games ahead."



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"I have asked State coaches to recommend any promising talent because we could strengthen the roles of stopper, fullback and a midfielder.

"These positions could be filled from players in the squad but we'll still look around.

"The first qualifying rounds are on September 2 in Fiji and we

must get these players together as often as we can."

Scheinflug, who has had more experience with the national youth sides than any other Australian coach, said

## Friendlies

England v Denmark 1-0, Scotland v Egypt 1-3, Eire v Finland 1-1, Israel v USSR 3-2.

## 'Kat' designs his own boots

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PETER KATHOLOS, Marconi's ball-playing midfielder, is on a high because he has just released on the market, after many months of hard work, his very own style of soccer boots.



PETER KATHOLOS

The Soccer boots styled by Peter and exclusively manufactured in Italy for his Company "CAPPE" are now on sale.

The boots have been made from the finest leathers available and

are super-lightweight.

"The Kat" told us last night: "The response has been marvellous and our first shipment was sold out within three weeks.

"We have re-ordered from Italy and they are on their way now.

"Top NSL players already are wearing these special 'Cappe' boots. For example, Alan Davidson, Tony Spyridakos, Clint Gosling, Davie Barrett, Gerry Gomez, Eric Hristodoulou and, of course, myself, now sport these super-comfortable boots.

"NSW State League players, Spyros Hantzis, Bobby Namouv, Dave Batten and many others have already expressed full approval of the 'Cappe' boots," he said.

Peter has recently opened his new sports store at 379 Homer Street, Earlwood.

## ASF BOSS ON SBS

JOHN Constantine will be the man in the hot seat on SBS-TV's popular "Meet the Press" programme at 7.30pm tonight (Wednesday). Les Murray and Jeff Wells, of "The Australian" will be asking him pertinent questions about the Bradley Report and the game in general.

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## PERSONALITY PLAYER

## ANDREW BERNAL (Sydney Olympic)



NAME: Andrew Bernal  
CLUB: Sydney Olympic  
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Canberra, 16/5/66.  
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 5'11", 79kg  
MARRIED: Single, soon to be married.  
HOME: Surry Hills.  
NICKNAME: 'Birchy'  
CAR: Porche 928  
OCCUPATION: Acting student.  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: A.I.S., Canberra City, Sporting Gijon, Ipswich Town.  
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Real Madrid.  
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Maradona.  
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Alistair Edwards, Tony Dakos.  
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Emilio Butragueno and Abbas Saad at training.  
FAVOURITE GROUND: Real Madrid Stadium.  
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Making my debut in England for Ipswich Town against Hull City.  
BIGGEST THRILL: Bungee Jumping.  
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Giving up Rugby League to play Soccer.  
WORST INJURY: Cartilage operation to my left knee.  
FAVOURITE POSITION: Sweeper.  
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Rugby League.  
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything Italian.  
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Guns and Roses.  
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Anything with comedy.  
BEST FRIEND: My girlfriend.  
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Father.  
AMBITIONS: To take up acting fulltime in Los Angeles.  
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Steve Refenes.  
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Marlon Brando.  
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD CUP AND WHY: Argentina because 'God' plays for them and is their captain.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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# SOCCER POOLS



## THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST WEEK 252 SAT. 26th MAY, 1990

VIC. STATE LEAGUE	MORWELL	CROYDON CITY	1
	ALTONA GATE	ST. ALBANS	2
	MOOROOLBARK	BOX HILL	3
	NORTHCOTE C.	BULLEEN	4
VIC. LGE. DIV. 1	OAKLEIGH	WESTERN SUB.	5
	DOVETON	ESSENDON	6
	PT. MELBOURNE	SPRINGVALE C.	7
	SANDRINGHAM	MARYIBYRNONG	8
*	BAYSWATER	KWINANA	9
	PERTH ITALIA	SPEARWOOD	10
	FREMANTLE	BALGA	11
	MORLEY	MELVILLE	12
	FERNDALE UTD.	COCKBURN	13
W.A. PREMIER LEAGUE	ROCKINGHAM	OSBORNE PK.	14
	STIRLING T.P.	FORRESTFIELD	15
	WANNEROO	SWAN CRAC	16
	BASSEDEAN	GOSNELLS	17
	INGLEWOOD	EAST PERTH	18
S.A. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	ADELAIDE C.	CUMBERLAND	19
	WOODVILLE	PT. ADELAIDE	20
	CROATIA	LION GRANGE	21
	MODBURY	AZZURRI	22
	POLONIA	HELLAS	23
	SALISBURY	W.T. BIRKALLA	24
	DARRA UTD.	LATROBE VAL.	25
QLD. DIV. 3	LUTWYCHE UTD.	SLACKS CREEK	26
	SOUTH UTD.	ANERLEY	27
	PINE HILLS	SAMFORD	28
	KENMORE	CAPALABA	29
	TOOWONG	ALBANY CREEK	30
	DEVONPORT	GEORGETOWN	31
	BURNIE	WHITE EAGLES	32
	CROATIA	JUVENTUS	33
	LAUNCESTON	WEST SUBURBS	34
	SOMERSET	ULVERSTONE	35
TAS. STH. DIV. 1	CALIES	UNIVERSITY	36
	HOBBART CITY	STH. HOBBART	37
	METRO	PHOENIX	38

### RESERVE MATCHES

VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 2	COBURG	CLIFTON HILL	39
	BELL PK.	SUNBURY UTD.	40
	WAVERTLEY	BRIGHTON	41
	NUNAWADING	DONCASTER	42
	RINGWOOD	DANDENONG	43
	RICHMOND	KEILOR	44
	CHELSEA	GEELONG	45
	LALOR UTD.	CLAYTON	46
	ALTONA CITY	HOLLAND PK.	47
	MOORABBIN	BENTLEIGH	48
	YARRAVILLE	HEIDELBERG C.	49
	SPRINGVALE U.	ELTHAM UTD.	50
	SEAFORD UTD.	MORNINGTON	51
	CLARINDA	CORIO UTD.	52
	WEST YUGAL	ASHFIELD	53
	SWAN IC.	SWAN ATH.	54
	CANNING	GERALDTON	55
	UNIVERSITY	SUBIACO	56
	PERTH CITY	DIANELLA	57
	WHITFORD C.	QUEENS PK.	58
	ARMADALE PK.	NORTH LAKE	59
	VASTO UTD.	BOORAGOON	60
	BLACKWOOD	OMONIA	61
	CAMPBELLTOWN	NOARLUNGA U.	62
	ENFIELD C.	CENTRAL DIST.	63
	PARA HILL	ELIZABETH	64

\* W.A. SUPER LEAGUE

\* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

### RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

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## Jackpot this week est \$800,000

### MATCH RESULTS WEEK 251

VIC. ST. LGE.	MOOROOLBARK	ALTONA GATE	1	0-3
	NORTHCOTE C.	BOX HILL	2	1-0
	MORWELL	HEIDELBERG U.	3	1-1
	WERRIBEE	SANDRINGHAM	4	1-0
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	ESSENDON	NTH. GEELONG	5	0-3
	KNOX CITY	OAKLEIGH	6	2-2 *
	WESTGATE	MORDIALLOC	7	2-0
	CHELSEA	RICHMOND	8	1-1
	KEILOR	RINGWOOD U.	9	2-1
	DANDENONG	NUNAWADING	10	1-2
	DONCASTER	WAVERTLEY	11	2-0
	BRIGHTON	BELL PARK	12	1-1 *
	SUNBURY UTD.	COBURG	13	2-3
VIC. LEAGUE DIVISION 2	KWINANA	ATHENA	14	0-5
	KELMSCOTT	KINGSWAY	15	4-0
	SORRENTO	SPEARWOOD	16	0-1
	BALGA	BASSEDEAN	17	2-2 *
	MELVILLE	INGLEWOOD	18	2-1
	COCKBURN	FREMANTLE	19	1-2
	OSBORNE PK.	MORLEY	20	3-1
	ASHFIELD	ARMADALE PK.	21	1-1 *
	SWAN ATH.	VASTO UTD.	22	2-1
	GERALDTON	WEST YUGAL	23	4-0
	SUBIACO	SWAN IC.	24	0-1
	DIANELLA	CANNING	25	2-3
	QUEENS PK.	UNIVERSITY	26	2-0
	NORTH LAKE	PERTH CITY	27	0-2
	BOORAGOON	WHITFORD C.	28	1-4
	ADELAIDE C.	CROATIA	29	0-3
	CUMBERLAND	HELLAS	30	0-3
	PT. ADELAIDE	MODBURY	31	1-5
	SALISBURY	WOODVILLE	32	2-1
	LION GRANGE	AZZURRI	33	0-1
	W.T. BIRKALLA	POLONIA	34	2-2 *
	UNIVERSITY	OXLEY UTD.	35	1-2
	SLACKS CREEK	DARRA UTD.	36	3-2
	LATROBE V.	SOUTHS UTD.	37	1-1 *
	CAPALABA	PINE HILL	38	1-1 *



### THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 21/5/90 — WEEK 251

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED									
1	26	31	38	15	30	46	35	45		2	3	13	5	9	0	9	2		
9	46	56	49	52	46	49	51	45		1	4	8	0	2	3	2	2		
17	50	46	35	52	48	51	52	48		17	0	1	11	1	0	3	6	6	
25	47	55	53	62	55	72	53	51		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	16	
33	50	66	57	65	53	53				33	34	35	36	37	38				

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

### RESULTS OF WEEK 251 SAT 19 MAY, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$686,797.44  
Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 6, 17, 21, 34, 37, 38.  
Supplementary Number: 12

**Division 1**  
No winner, Jackpot next week  
(est \$800,000).

**Division 2**  
The Prize Pool is \$4,966.80  
3 provision winners of \$1,655.60ea

**Division 3**  
The Prize Pool is \$14,901.35  
47 winners of \$317.05ea

**Division 4**  
The Prize Pool is \$37,271.00  
2,444 winners of \$15.25ea

**Division 5**  
The Prize Pool is \$29,801.00  
3,506 winners of \$8.50ea

### VICTORIA

VIC. DIV. 1									
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Oakleigh	8	5	2	1	19	10	12		
Doveton	8	6	0	2	13	4	12		
Springvale	8	5	2	1	15	11	12		
Westgate	8	5	1	2	19	5	11		
Port Melb.	8	4	3	1	7	4	11		
Knox City	8	1	2	2	16	16	10		
Western Sub	8	2	4	2	9	9	8		
Mordialloc	8	3	2	3	7	7	8		
Werribee	8	1	4	3	13	17	6		
Marib. Pol	8	1	3	4	8	14	5		
Essendon	8	2	0	6	6	12	4		
Broadmeadows	8	1	1	6	11	18	3		
Nth Geelong	8	1	0	7	6	20	2		
Sandringham	8	1	0	7	6	20	2		

### VIC. DIV. 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	8	6	1	1	15	10
Bell Park	8	4	4	0	13	7
Doncaster	8	5	1	2	18	12
Clifton Hill	8	4	2	2	9	6
Geelong	8	4	1	3	13	11
Waverley	8	3	2	3	12	8
Chelsea	8	3	2	3	14	8
Keilor	7	3	1	3	11	10
Dandenong	8	3	1	4	14	7
Nunawading	8	2	3	3	11	5
Sunbury	8	3	0	5	16	7
Coburg	7	2	1	4	8	13
Richmond	8	1	2	5	6	12
Ringwood	8	0	3	5	7	18

### VIC. DIV. 3

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altona City	8	5	2	1	21	13
Bentleigh	8	5	2	1	16	8
Clarinda	8	5	2	1	12	4
Seaford	8	5	0	3	16	10
Moorabbin	8	4	2	2	10	9
Corio/Geelong	8	2	4	2	15	12
Mornington	8	4	0	4	14	8
Holland Park	8	3	2	3	13	11
Heidelberg	8	2	4	2	7	9
Lalor United	8	2	3	3	12	13
Clayton	8	1	4	3	10	14
Ell. Diam. Val	8	1	2	5	7	12
Yarraville	8	1	2	5	5	16
Springvale Utd	8	1	1	6	7	22

### VIC. DIV. 4

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Regent	8	5	3	0	20	7
Oakleigh	8	6	1	1	16	9
East Bruns/Ivan	8	5	2	1	14	5
Hawthorn	8	5	1	2	19	6
Spring Condors	8	5	1	2	15	4
Pascoe Vale	8	4	3	1	20	12
Langwarrin	8	4	2	2	10	7
Karingal Utd	8	2	3	3	10	16
More Park Rang	8	2	2	4	6	15
Hamlyn Rangers	8	2	2	4	6	15
Fernree Gully	8	1	3	4	8	15
Boronia	8	1	3	4	7	15
Rosanna	8	0	1	7	11	25
Yallourn	8	0	1	7	7	21

### QUEENSLAND

DIVISION 3									
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Annerley	9	6	2	1	25	11	20		
L/Valley	8	5	1	2	14	10	16		
Slacks Ck	9	4	3	2	19	9	15		
Souths Utd	9	4	3	2	19	11	15		
Darra Utd	9	4	3	2	21	16	15		
Redcliffe	8	4	3	1	13	9	15		
Beersleigh	8	5	0	3	15	15	15		
Kingsridge	8	4	1	3	20	14	13		
Lutwyche	9	2	2	5	10	19	8		
Uni of Qld	9	1	1	7	9	22	4		
Oxley	9	1	1	7	7	20	4		
Brothers	7	1	0	6	5	21	3		

### DIVISION 4

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albany Ck	9	7	2	0	24	6
Capalaba	9	5	2	2	23	11
Southside Eag	9	5	2	2	14	11
Pine Hills	8	4	3	1	18	10
Griffith Uni	8	4	1	3	16	14
Samford Range	9	3	3	1	17	18
Kenmore Ran	8	2	4	2	18	10
South Star	9	3	1	5	12	20
Toowong	8	2	2	4	14	19
Deception Bay	8	2	1	5	12	22
Western Sub	9	1	2	6	21	30
Leichhardt	8	1	1	6	6	16

### TASMANIA

### SOUTH AUST.

### NORTHERN

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Riverside City	7	6	1	0	52	6
White Eagles	7	6	1	0	23	3
Launceston	7	5	1	1	31	6
Western Sub	7	4	3	0	22	7
Devonport	7	3	2	2	18	11
Georgetown	7	3	1	3	12	15
Croatia	7	3	0	4	10	22
Burnie	7	2	0	5	8	26
Ulverstone	7	1	1	5	8	25
Juventus	7	1	1	5	5	32
St Leonards	7	1	1	5	10	24



# Campbelltown wins under pressure

BY PAUL GOODWIN

**CAMPBELLTOWN Vikings continued their winning form, with a nail-biting 2-1 win over Orange on Saturday, following a good 3-1 success at the expense of Mount Druitt on Wednesday.**

Wednesday night's effort took its toll and with another game tonight against Petersham, the club will be relieved if it can come through unscathed and retain maximum points from its intensive campaign.

The Mount Druitt game saw Wayne Farnsworth on target early with a well-taken free kick and it was two minutes into the

## Aytec Genc gain for Southern Districts

second half before the Vikings drew level.

Gary Hatton fed Richard Celarc, after a long throw from the goalie, Lauric, and Celarc's ball through for Sep Disch allowed the now prolific scorer to bring up his seventh of the season.

Disch got another in the 75th minute to give his side the lead. Gary Hatton's free kick was parried by Basevski and Disch didn't need prompting to pick up the crumbs.

Under-19 players Guy Lawrence and Vaughan Reynolds combined well as substitutes late in the game and when a shot from Reynolds was pushed out by the Mt Druitt custodian, Celarc was on hand to steer the loose ball

home.

Saturday's trip to Orange was also fruitful, though the Waratahs are getting very close to their first win and made Campbelltown work hard in the second half to hold their 2-0 half-time lead.

A goal from Hatton, a sixth minute free kick cleverly swung around the wall beyond Orange goalkeeper Starr, opened the account and Disch got the second moments before the break when he latched onto a headed pass by Defellicibus, following a cross by Ray Carney.

Orange almost scored twice in the second half, but only one counted. A shot appeared to have crossed the line, but a hole in the side of the net made it impossible for the referee to establish whether the ball went in legitimately or via the side netting.

The one that counted came from the boot of Stephen Hooper and Orange will gain great heart from this performance.

Friday night's encounter between Petersham and Auburn-Yugal was a lifeless affair and apart from one clearance off the line and a Beluzic lob over the bar, play was confined to a mid-field slog.

The 0-0 result was no real surprise to either set of players.

Granville-Chile had a cakewalk 2-0 win over Central Coast whose growing injury list has begun to affect morale.

Having said that, two chances late in the

game which Andrew Ollier could not seize when well placed, could have robbed Granville of two easy points.

Coast rallied late and even had their 'keeper Fitzsimmons stationed on the half way line towards the end as they mounted some daring raids and Jason Gribble had a good shot tipped over.

The Chileans were able to score two smart goals, one in each half, with Andy Ferris and Cristian Castro on target for the much more resolute home side, who are now much closer to their 1989 form than at any stage this season.

Southern Districts went behind to a Frank Leyden goal for Waverley at Ernie Smith Reserve in the 12th minute when Peter Treacey's cross was not cleared.

Although winning 2-1, it was not until the 90th minute that the top of the table side grabbed both points.

The equaliser came from a Birol Sertbas penalty in the 34th after an earlier appeal had been turned down.

Star loan player Aytec Genc made his debut and it was his clever play which could have turned the tide even earlier.

His shot, as the first half drew to a close, was cleared off the line by a defending Barry Walker and eventually it was his header from John Gregson's free kick which settled the issue.

Now bringing some new faces into their successful line-up Districts face their stiffest test when they meet

Dulwich Hill this weekend.

They should have just enough going for them to claim the points and provide a nice cushion at the top of the ladder.



AYTEC GENC

### RESULTS AND SCORERS

MAY 16, 18, 19, 20

Petersham-Lusitanos 0 Auburn-Yugal 0, Campbelltown Vikings 3 (Disch 2, Celarc) Mount Druitt 1 (Farnsworth), Southern Districts 2 (Sertbas pen, Genc) Waverley 1 (Leyden), Granville-Chile 2 (Ferris Castro) Central Coast 0, Campbelltown Vikings 2 (Disch, Hatton) Orange Waratah 1 (Stephen Hooper).

**LEADING SCORERS:** 10 Paul Harriott, 9 Sep Disch, 8 Dennis Duarte, 7 Barry Walker, 6 Mark Butler, Graeme Williamson, Andy Ferris, 5 Remy Galloway, Paul Pette-nen, Gary Hastie, Leo Ulloa, 4 Nelio Borges, Stephen Hooper, Oskar Selik, Max Defellicibus, Ray Carney, Gerkin Tasdemir, Chris Butt, Birol Sertbas, 3 Paul Corbett, Bruno Claramelia, Ian Wotherspoon, Ercan Osman, Ugher Taskin, Glen Hooper, Vaso Despotovic, Andrew Ollier, Robbie Lowe, Tony Heery, Steve Karavatakis, Chris Butt, Steve Blackburn.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### STATE LEAGUE ONE

St George v Canterbury 4-1 1-1  
Wollongong Mac v Inter Monaro 3-2 3-0

### STATE LEAGUE TWO

Campbelltown v Mt Druitt Town 3-1 2-1  
Petersham v Auburn Yugal 0-0 3-3  
Orange Waratah v Campbelltown 1-2 0-2  
Southern Dist v Waverley 2-1 4-0  
Granville Chile v Central Coast 2-0 5-2

### STATE LEAGUE THREE

Lemnos Allstars v West Wanderers 2-1 4-0  
Cant & Dist v Bankstown 1-5 2-1  
West Wanderers v Port Hacking 3-1 1-2  
Cyprus United v Bathurst '75 2-1 5-0  
Mt Pritchard v Hills United 1-1 4-2  
North Ryde RSL v Uni of NSW 2-2 1-3

### FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Prospect United v GNS United 1-0 2-2  
Prospect United v Sydney Uni 4-3 0-0  
CSI Schofields v Ashour Star 2-4 2-3

### FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

Cobrelva v St Josephs 4-8 0-1  
Cobrelva v Liverpool City 1-1 0-1

### WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: 1ST DIVISION

Liverpool Oly v North Ryde RSL 0-1  
Epping Eastwood v Melita Eagles 0-3

### WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: 2ND DIVISION

Liverpool Oly v North Ryde RSL 3-2  
Epping Eastwood v Melita Eagles 0-6

## Rosebery part with coach

**NEWLY promoted Second Division club Rosebery-Portugal have released their talented English-born player-coach Kelly Cross.**

Cross, a prominent indoor soccer player who helped steer the side to the Third Division title last year and was a regular in the forward line until the end of the season, has been out of action due to a recurring injury throughout this campaign.

The Rosebery Portugal Social Club, which funds the soccer operation, withdrew its support for the coach following the recent loss to Portuguese rivals Dulwich Hill.

According to soccer secretary, Roger Neto, Cross may still figure in the club's plans as a player if he is interested and once he regains full fitness.

The team had been doing well in the higher division, with five consecutive wins, but came down to earth with defeats at the hands of top sides Campbelltown, Central Coast and Dulwich Hill.

— PAUL GOODWIN

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### This Week's Matches

#### SATURDAY MAY 26

##### STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Rockdale Ilinden v Wollongong City Hurstville Oval

##### DIVISION 2

Southern District v Dulwich Hill Ernie Smith Res

##### DIVISION 3

Mt Pritchard Bankstown v West Wanderers Mt Pritchard  
v Bathurst '75 Jensen Park

#### SUNDAY MAY 27

##### STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Canberra v Sydney Olympic Deakin Oval  
Sydney Macedonia v Marconi Jensen Oval  
Avala v Warringah Melita Stadium

##### STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Sydney Croatia v St George Croatian Sports  
Polonia v Sutherland Shire Chopin Park  
Canterbury v Blacktown City Arlington Oval

##### DIVISION 2

Campbelltown v Waverley Bensley Road  
Central Coast v Auburn Yugal Plum Park  
Fairfield City v Rosebery Knight Park  
Gladesville H'by v Petersham Christie Park  
Granville Chile v Orange Waratahs Garside Park  
Manly Warringah v Mt Druitt Town Cromer Park

##### DIVISION 3

Concordia v Uni of NSW Marrickville Oval  
Canterbury & Dist v North Ryde RSL Mackey Park  
Cyprus United v Lemnos Allstars Fraser Park  
Port Hacking v Hills United Seymour Shaw

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

**See State League action this week!**



# NSW clubs benefit from NSL players' influence

BY PAUL GOODWIN

IF NSW clubs are to benefit from the new arrangement which sees National League players available on loan for the season, then the scheme must be used as more than just a means of bolstering a side bent on promotion to the National League.

State League clubs have been given a first class opportunity to

capitalize on the attractiveness, not only of their own side, but also of their visitors and to strongly promote their matches this winter, when there will be no stronger competition to draw fans away.

Many clubs have signed up players and kept their identities under wraps, chiefly to ward off approaches from other sides, or to keep the opposition guessing.

Unfortunately, that also keeps the suppor-

ters guessing; but now that the 1st Division season is in progress, clubs able to afford the

luxury of using loan players must be ready to tell the world that they are on show and get crowds levels up, to meet the added expense as well as to extend the game's reach.

Here are the clubs and the players who are now enjoying a spell in State League 1 on loan this season, with more to follow.

CLUB	PLAYER	PARENT CLUB
AVALA	Washington Gonzales Alfredo Barrios	Melita Melita
BHP AUSTRAL	Gary Phillips Robert Ironside	Sydney Olympic Sydney Olympic
BLACKTOWN CITY	Craig Mason	Melita
CANBERRA CROATIA	Ned Zelic	Sydney Croatia
CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE	Tony Spyridakos (Plus another to be finalised)	Sydney Olympic
POLONIA	Marshall Soper	Melita
SUTHERLAND	Graham Arnold	Sydney Croatia
WARRINGAH FRESHWATER	Grant Lee	Sydney Olympic
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA	Greg Brown	Melita

Generally, the morale of clubs and their supporters will be boosted by the added strength of the new names and it is really up to each club to make the most of this dispensation, particularly in the marketing area.

It is clearly stated that clubs have until 30th June to sign players on loan, but that they must remain with their adopted club until the last match.

Any NSL clubs which expect to have players back with them when pre-season training begins misunderstands the full implications of making their men available to State League outfits.

Should any State League club be unable to fulfil this requirement it could well see its points being deducted, just when it is in a promotion or semi-final winning position.

Overall, the scheme and the long delayed State League season should be full of interest.

Speculation on a likely winner is going to continue for quite some time.

With the influx of new players, NSL and overseas guests, the NSW State League competition has been given a shot in the arm.

It may be difficult for some clubs to keep pace, but in any league there will always be

high flyers and bat-

ters. The meetings of the two types often produce upset results, which lend great interest and it is rare for any side to be easy-beats.

Many of the clubs have deliberately elected to sign NSL players in their own right, with a view to the club's own long term success.

Below is a list of some of the players appearing in new colours this season:

**AVALA:** Paul Welch, Steve Meades, Vince Nastoski, John McKie.

**BHP AUSTRAL:** Pol Krstevski, Ralph Maier, Bobby Naumov.

**CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE:** Ken Slaveski, Louis Dounis, Craig Hill, Michael Lardis, Dragan Pupovac, Nick Oustambasidis. Also two new players from Greek club Panionios, Chris Koutropoulos and George Kapouranis.

**CANBERRA CROATIA:** Nil.

**NORTH SHORE UNITED:** Wayne Pierce, Ian Gillan, Andrew Pocock, Aaron Ferguson, Rik Roldan, George Savidas, David Field, Pat Crookes.

**POLONIA:** Retain three of their Polish visa players: Henek Mojsa, Leszek Kulwicki, Jarek Nowicki. Releasing the fourth Pavel Janduda. No new players, but guest expected for six games end of June, Andrzej Latka.

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN:** Peter Willis, Kire Temcev, Mando Ralevs-

ki and Blagoje Petrovski.

**SUTHERLAND:** Jim Webber, Grant Bard, Danny Rothwell.

**SYDNEY MACEDONIA:** Antoine Avellino, Chris Card, Tony Genovese, Tane Maleski, George Vrtkovski, Scott Baillie, Tom Golovodonski, Lee Sterrey.

**WARRINGAH-FRESHWATER:** Glen Sterrey, Brett Woods, Anthony Versi, Vic Masi, John Oscilowski, Frank Mikuletic, Jim McBreen, John Ruperto.

**WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA:** Tony Cabassi, Stefan Janic, Matthew Bourke.

## Monaro's troubles

INTER Monaro has been forced to hold a crisis meeting to see if there is sufficient support to continue running the club.

Attendances have decreased and income is way below that needed to cover expenses.

The club did a one-year stint in the 24 team NSL but has fallen on hard times.

It would be a blow to the NSW State League if they do not find the support to carry on.

And it would be far too late for the Quebeyan-based club to reorganise to play in the ACT competition.

## Fright at Brandon Park

BY PAUL GOODWIN

A much rejuvenated Monaro side gave ambitious Wollongong Macedonia a real fright at Brandon Park on Sunday, leading 2-1 with only 12 minutes to go before losing 3-2.

A goal up in the 17th minute when Brett Thornthwaite scored from six metres after Graeme Fletcher had split the Monaro defence with a great pass, Wollongong were shocked when Monaro drew level in the 30th.

A defensive mix-up allowed Njegosh Popovich to gain possession and chip the ball on for Baz Giampaolo to head home for the easiest of goals.

This was only the start, for Monaro showed tremendous

application and hit the lead 10 minutes later.

A long clearance by Steve Hoszowski was pushed out wide to Giampaolo and the Rothmans' Medal winner found Maricic, whose header beat Peter Wilson all ends up.

Steve Bryant had a fine game for Monaro, but a facial injury late in the game would have been the turning point, for it was only in the 78th that the Macedonia side drew level.

The good work of Atti Carboni, Bryant and Giampaolo began to come unstuck when Adam Sandy netted with a sound drive from just outside the penalty area.

This followed a long period of intense pressure which saw the woodwork deprive the home side of two

possible goals.

With just four minutes remaining Adam Sandy came down in the penalty area and Brett Thornthwaite converted easily, sending the 'keeper the wrong way.

For Macedonia John Bradley was in good touch and was well supported by Fletcher and Sandy.

It was a relieved Wollongong side



FIRST DIVISION

which trooped off the field and a much improved Monaro team which, despite the loss, can still make this season one that counts.

**WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA:** Wilson, Cavanah, Shaw, Galway, Martin, Bourke (Cabassi), Kay, Sandy, Bradley, Brown, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

**INTER MONARO:** Hoszowski, Monterosso, Diordjeski, Alchin, Bryant, Carboni, Danielle, Fernandez, Popovich, Giampaolo, Maricic (subs Ambrosino, Arthur).

## St George's romp against Berries

TONY Krslovic was in devastating form as the St George side rattled in four goals for a 4-1 win over Canterbury Marickville Olympic at St George Stadium last Wednesday night.

The big fellow scored late in the game to secure his hat-trick.

St George were completely dominant in the first half, and were three up at half time, thanks to Krslovic's two and one from Craig McGregor.

The Berries to their credit came back in the second half.

Peter Benites had enough chances to at least bring his team back to even terms, but he failed to get his name on the scoresheet.

As it was, the burly Louis Dounis netted Canterbury's only goal, which came early in the second period.

— DAVID COOPER

## Division 2 games next Wed

TWO Division 2 games had been scheduled in for Wednesday, May 30.

Mt Druitt Town are home to Central Coast at Popondetta Park (kick-off 6.45pm and 8.30pm), whilst Waverley and Petersham clash at the Sydney Athletic Field (kick-offs 6.30pm and 8.30pm).

## Composite Table

1ST GRADE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Wollongong Mac.....	2	1	1	0	5	4	3		
St George.....	1	1	0	0	4	1	2		
Avala.....	1	1	0	0	4	2	2		
Sydney Macedonia.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	2		
North Shore Utd.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	2		
Polonia.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2		
Sutherland Shire.....	1	0	1	0	2	2	1		
Marconi.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1		
BHP Austral.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1		
Canberra.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sydney Olympic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Rockdale Ilinden.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sydney Croatia.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Blacktown City.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0		
Inter Monaro.....	2	0	0	2	3	5	0		
Wollongong City.....	1	0	0	1	2	4	0		
Warringah.....	1	0	0	1	0	2	0		
Canterbury.....	1	0	0	1	1	4	0		

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Wollongong Mac.....	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Inter Monaro.....	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Warringah.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Polonia.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Wollongong City.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Marconi.....	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
BHP.....	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Canterbury.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
St George.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Sydney Croatia.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canberra.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sydney Olympic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockdale Ilinden.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutherland Shire.....	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sydney Macedonia.....	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Blacktown City.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Avala.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
North Shore Utd.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

— PAUL GOODWIN



# How your club fared in the QNSL

## Lo! Adcity led all the rest!

BY GREG BLAKE

**SURPRISE**-packet Adelaide City might have failed in the finals play-



offs but the South Australian club still managed one title for the season.

For the first time in 13 NSL seasons Adelaide City has out-drawn the rest of the competition and finished the summer season as the best supported club.

Adelaide City's

home crowd aggregate of just over 64,000 fans was enough to pip last year's crowd-drawing champion Marconi at the end of 26 rounds.

In 13 home games Marconi had pulled just over 61,000 supporters through the turnstiles, a figure still higher than its 1989 season total.

The summer soccer concept seemed to be a

success for many NSL clubs.

Adelaide City and Marconi were two of seven clubs who showed an increase in home game figures for the season.

Only Sunshine George Cross, Preston, Wollongong, St George and Sydney Olympic showed marginal drops at home games.

TEAM	89/90 AGG.	89/90 AVE.	PLUS or MINUS on '89	BEST at HOME	WORST at HOME
ADEL. CITY	64,407	4,954	+ 23,187	10,556 v Ad.H	1,200 v ME
MARCONI	61,226	4,709	+ 4,342	8,365 v Apia	2,349 v Ad.H
MELB. CROATIA	58,965	4,535	+ 6,723	10,186 v SMH	1,850 v Woll
STH MELBOURNE	57,192	4,399	+ 4,387	9,100 v MC	2,138 v Woll
SYD. CROATIA	50,794	3,907	+ 2,567	5,452 v Marc	710 v Woll
ADEL. HELLAS	48,335	3,718	NA	8,000 v Ad.C	2,254 v SO
SYD. OLYMPIC	44,763	3,443	m 1,454	5,343 v SC	1,114 v StG
PRESTON	43,649	3,358	m 981	7,010 v MC	1,011 v Black
APIA	39,395	3,030	+ 17,776	7,282 v SO	1,079 v Woll
MELITA E'S	35,027	2,694	NA	6,462 v SO	1,198 v StG
S.GEO.CROSS	28,744	2,211	m 754	6,100 v SMH	1,190 v SO
ST GEORGE	23,350	1,796	m 1,545	4,172 v SO	282 v SMH
WOLLONGONG	21,529	1,656	m 169	2,487 v SO	1,004 v SGC
BLACKTOWN	21,283	1,637	+ 4,899	3,124 v SC	331 v SGC

★ — best home gates do not include games as part of double-headers.

[Please note that all the above figures have been taken from crowds announced by the clubs, not official NSL ones — Ed.]

The 1989/90 season's 13 NSL Cup fixtures attracted a total of 44,118 spectators at an average of 3,393 per game.

## ALL THE 1989/90 NSL HOME AND AWAY RESULTS

	ADEL. C	ADEL. H	APIA	BLACK	MARC	MELB. C	MELITA	PREST	STH. M	ST. G	SGC	SYD. C	SYD. O	WOLL
ADEL. C	—	2-0	1-2	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	3-0	1-1	4-1	3-1	1-0	3-0
ADEL. H	0-1	—	2-1	0-3	2-3	0-3	2-2	2-0	1-4	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-4	4-1
APIA	0-0	2-0	—	5-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-2
BLACK	1-2	2-1	2-4	—	3-1	1-5	0-2	0-3	1-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-1	1-2
MARC	3-1	4-0	1-2	2-1	—	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-2	5-1	2-0	1-0	0-0
MELB. C	3-3	3-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	—	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-3	2-1	3-0
MELITA	2-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-2	—	2-0	1-0	3-4	0-2	3-1	1-5	2-0
PREST	3-0	0-0	1-2	3-2	2-2	1-2	1-0	—	0-2	2-1	4-0	2-1	2-1	2-0
STH. M	1-0	1-0	1-1	4-2	3-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	—	2-0	1-0	4-0	2-1	0-0
ST. G	1-1	4-0	0-0	1-1	0-7	1-3	0-0	2-1	1-4	—	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-3
SGC	0-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-5	3-1	3-0	2-0	2-2	—	1-2	0-1	1-0
SYD. C	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	1-3	3-3	1-1	1-1	3-1	1-2	3-1	—	1-2	4-0
SYD. O	0-1	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	2-0	3-0	3-2	—	1-0
WOLL	0-2	7-0	2-1	3-2	0-2	0-4	0-0	2-0	0-2	0-6	4-0	1-3	3-3	—

## WHERE YOUR CLUB STOOD — GREG BLAKE'S ROUND BY ROUND ANALYSIS FOR 1989/90

TEAM — ROUND	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
MARCONI	5th	9	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	5	3	3		1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1st
STH MELBOURNE	1st	5	2	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	5	2	4	5	5	5	3	3	4	3	2	2	2nd
MELB. CROATIA	8th	7	6	8	5	2	2	3	5	6	5	7	6	4	2	4	4		2	2	1	2	4	3	3	3rd
ADEL. CITY	2nd	3	9	3	3	4	7	7	6	5	6	6	5	3	5	3	2	2	3	4	4	3	2	4	4	4th
SYD. OLYMPIC	10th	11	7	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	5th
APIA	3rd	6	4	7	6	6	5	4	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	6th
SYD. CROATIA	14th	14	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	11	12	12	11	9	9	8	8	7	7	9	7	8	8	7	7	7th
MELITA E'S	11th	12	13	13	14	13	13	13	10	10	9	8	10	10	10	10	9	10	9	8	9	7	7	8	8	8th
PRESTON	9th	8	11	10	10	9	10	8	9	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	8		8	7	8	9	9	9	9	9th
ST GEORGE	7th	4	10	11	11	11	9	9	11	12	11	10	12	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	11	10	10	10	10	10th
WOLLONGONG	13th	10	5	9	7	7	8	10	8	8	9	10	12	12	12	11	9		11	11	10	10	11	11	11	11th
S.GEO.CROSS	4th	1	3	5	9	8	6	6	7	9	10	11	9	8	8	9	10	11	10	10	11	12	12	12	12	12th
ADEL. HELLAS	12th	13	14	14	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13th
BLACKTOWN	6th	2	8	6	8	10	11	11	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14th

## Sydney clubs aided by NSL lopsided draws

BY GREG BLAKE

**THERE was more than a little unhappiness over the ground allocations by the NSL for the 1989/90 grand final series.**

One case in point was Melbourne Croatia's allocation.

"They might as well hand them (the Sydney clubs) the championship now," was the initial reaction from one Melbourne Croatia committeeman on hearing the news that his club must play away to Olympic in the preliminary final.

Some weren't so kind — and who would blame them.

I believe Melbourne Croatia, and, to a lesser extent Adelaide City, have been shafted by the NSL during this 1990 finals series.

And that is personal opinion, not one expressed by officials of either of the clubs (at least in public) for fear of being asked to donate to the NSL's coffers.

In Melbourne Croatia's case there is no way in the world it should have been asked to play its preliminary final clash against Sydney Olympic at Parramatta.

Notwithstanding that the Parramatta pitch isn't even close to being of reasonable standard for the round ball code.

But why, even given the sole financial criteria for awarding finals by the NSL to the clubs, should Melbourne Croatia or Adelaide have had to play their crucial finals ties on 'foreign' soil.

Olympic, despite its ability to attract good crowds to its finals games, has not been amongst the

league's top drawcards for some years.

This season Adelaide City, which finished above Olympic on the ladder, topped the crowd support charts for the first time and its aggregate home gate of over 64,000, a full 20,000 ahead of Olympic, should have been enough to see the elimination final in South Australia.

With a large number of Adelaide Hellas supporters certain to turn their allegiances to Olympic for the day there is little doubt it could have topped a 10,000 attendance for that game.

For the second year running Melbourne Croatia has finished in the top three in terms of crowd support — Olympic finished seventh — and yet the Melbourne club was also 'invited' to play its tie with Olympic away.

Forget that Olympic finished fifth and Croatia third on the ladder, forget that Croatia, despite earning the double chance, was forced to play finals away from home on successive weeks.

It doesn't add up and it certainly gives club little incentive to finish above fifth place on the ladder.

Does this mean that Sunshine George Cross, Blacktown or Wollongong will never get a finals match?

Melbourne Croatia president Joe Duzel called the decision on the venue for the preliminary final "an insult to Victorian soccer."

He should have expanded that to include any areas outside the Sydney metropolitan zone.

The conclusion on the "commercial viability" of the two clubs for the preliminary final sounded logical at first.

The Marconi — Croatia game had drawn nearly 10,000 on the same day as the South Melbourne — Olympic minor semi final had managed only about 6,500 paying customers.

But it is patently clear that the 10,000 crowd in Sydney was made up of more than just a handful of Croats from the Sydney area.

In Melbourne the Greeks who would have supported Olym-



SAM PAPASAVAS

pic in the preliminary final against Croatia were all, naturally enough, on the side of South Melbourne in the minor game.

And if an Olympic — Souths mid-week cup final can draw near enough to 10,000 fans to Olympic Park, there is everything to suggest that a 15,000 turnout would have been possible in Melbourne.

I have no doubts that Melbourne would have equalled if not beaten Sydney's effort for the cut-throat game.

The NSL's apparent attempt at logic was flawed.

If the NSL continues to have us believe that the game revolves around NSW then perhaps we will all eventually be brain-washed into thinking that is so.

There is no doubt that the decks were stacked against Melbourne Croatia and Adelaide City.

However, League chairman Sam Papasavas has now announced that revised criteria will apply in future.

"Teams finishing higher up on the points score should be given 'home city' advantage where applicable, and the uncertainty surrounding the Grand Final where interstate teams are involved needs to be rectified," Mr Papasavas said.

Although the current method of determining Top Five venues on a commercial basis had assisted in record gate receipts to date, Mr Papasavas stated that the present system was open to criticism and did not adequately reward teams for superior standing in the Premiership.

He said that in terms of the Grand Final, the League would have to carefully consider the options available before making any decision, but that this would be done at the next Council of Clubs meeting.



Old timers will star in World Cup

# Shilton, Bergomi, Ceulemens to parade their great talents



WHILE soccer standouts such as Holland's Ruud Gullit and Marco Van Basten and Uruguay's Ruben Sosa await their debuts in the World Cup finals, there are some players who have seen it all before.

Take England's 40-year-old goalkeeper, Peter Shilton, who made his domestic league debut in 1965, the year after Van Basten was born, first played for his country when the Dutchman was seven years old and kept goal in the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

There is a cluster of other 1990 stars who saw World Cup action eight years ago as well as in Mexico in 1986.

Some of them could outshine the World Cup newcomers when the tournament begins next month in Italy.

Diego Maradona's breathtaking skills helped Argentina to World Cup glory in Mexico.

Four years earlier, he suffered from inexperience in Spain and was sent off against Brazil.

The dazzling striker has rediscovered his former club level to help Napoli regain the Italian league title this season.

Italian defender Giuseppe Bergomi collected a World Cup winners' medal in 1982 at age 18 when Italy beat West Germany in the final.

Now a veteran of 50 international appearances, he will be gunning for a return of the title on home soil.

Alongside Shilton on England's side in 1982 were midfielder Bryan Robson and centre-back Terry Butcher, who also will line up in Italy eight years later.

Belgium's long serving midfielder Jan Ceulemens, now 33, is set to play in Italy eight years after some classy performances in the 1982 championships.

And Safet Susic, 34, returns to the World Cup stage after playing during Yugoslavia's last appearance in Spain.

Now a midfielder



with French side Paris Saint Germain, Susic has refound his form after being out of favour at national level.

In the Soviet lineup in Spain was goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev, who now plays for Spanish club Sevilla and will be between the posts for his national team in Italy.

Rated one of the world's best goalies over the past decade, Dasayev, now 32, also was the Soviets' first choice goalkeeper in Mexico.

The Soviets' 1990 lineup is likely to include influential midfielders Vassily Rats and Alexander Zavarov from their 1986 side.

World Cup holder Argentina and England are two sides that have kept faith with established players from World Cup to World Cup.

Of the 1986 trophy-winning side, Maradona could be joined in Italy by goalkeeper Nery Pumpido, midfielders Jorge Burruchaga, Sergio Batista, Ricardo Giusti, defender Oscar Ruggieri and even striker Jorge Valdano.

Valdano retired after the 1986 championships after suffering from hepatitis but has attempted a comeback at age 34.

Robson, 33, now is England's captain and midfield strongman although he is prone to injury.

Striker Gary Lineker, top-scorer with six goals at the Mexico championship, has rediscovered his touch with 26 league goals.

And winger John

Barnes, who disappointed four years ago, now has the additional ingredient of experience gained by seasons of success with Liverpool.

He scored 28 goals this season to lead the English league.

Shilton, who has played 115 times for his country, is hoping to beat Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings' world record of 119 appearances.

Brazil, one of the favourites in Italy and a three-time winner, will have midfielders Alemao and Silas, defender Branco and strikers Muller and Careca from the 1986 team that was beaten on penalties by France in the quarterfinals.

Alemao, 28, and Careca, 29, are two more of the Napoli side that won the Italian title and are in sparkling form.

Spain's goal-scoring wizard Emilio Butragueno is back from the 1986 squad.

In contrast to the English, Brazilians and Argentinians, West Germany has made significant changes since its 1986 final defeat.

It will depend heavily on midfield playmaker Lothar Matthaus, who plays in Italy for Internazionale of Milan, and his clubmate Andreas Brehme.

Both were on the lineup that lost to Argentina four years ago.

Uruguay's indiscipline proved costly in 1986 and few players survived.

But Enzo Francescoli, their talented forward who has starred

for French club Olympique Marseille this season, has cooled his temperament and has the ability to lift the side.

Scotland is making its fifth appearance in a row and still is trying to get past the first round.

Manchester United goalkeeper Jim Leighton, 32, Glasgow Rangers defender Richard Gough, 28, and Liverpool midfielder Steve Nicol, 28, will use their experience from the 1986 competition to steer Scotland the right way this time.

## LEGACY

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TOP — Safet Susic, still going strong for Paris St Germain and Yugoslavia. ABOVE — Peter Shilton, who could become the most capped player in the world at Italia '90.

## Super Scottish Stadium

SCOTLAND could boast Europe's finest football stadium within the next five years.

Plans for a new 100 million pound national sports stadium with a capacity of 65,000 were unveiled in Glasgow and the men behind the scheme insist they can secure the vast sums of money needed to finance the ambitious project.

The stadium, earmarked for Strathclyde Park in Lanarkshire, would replace Glasgow's crumbling Hampden Park as home to the Scottish football team, and would include an eight-lane athletics track and retractable roof modelled along the lines of the Toronto Skydome in Canada.

A new purpose-built ground is seen as the only realistic remedy to Hampden's problems and the ruling from FIFA that all World Cup qualifying ties must be played in all-seater grounds from 1992.

## THE WARREN JOHNNY COLUMN



## Highlights of the World Cup

WEST Germany's 3-2 victory over Hungary in 1954 has been selected by a panel of world sports journalists as the biggest upset in a World Cup soccer final.

Helmut Rahn scored twice in that game, which also was selected as West Germany's all-time World Cup highlight.

Balloting was conducted to determine the greatest World Cup moment in 21 nations, with more than 850 journalists selecting their country's highlight.

A greatest moment in overall World Cup play will be voted on at next month's 1990 Italian finals and will be announced July 5.

Country-by-country highlights according to the poll included:

★ Argentina — Jorge Burruchaga's Cup-winning goal on a pass from Diego Maradona in the 3-2 win over West Germany in 1986.

★ Belgium — A 4-3 victory over the Soviet Union to earn a quarter-final spot in 1986.

★ Brazil — A 4-1 domination of Italy for its third World Cup title in 1970.

★ Costa Rica — A 4-2 win over El Salvador in qualifying for this year's tournament.

★ Ecuador — A 2-1 loss to Chile in a playoff at the end of the qualifying round 1966.

★ England — Geoff Hurst's first-ever World Cup hat-trick in the 4-2 extra-time final win over West Germany in 1966.

★ France — A pulsating win over Brazil in the 1986 quarter-final.

★ Ireland — The accidental goal by a Spaniard that led to a 1-0 win in this year's qualifying round.

★ Italy — Paolo Rossi's brilliant header for the key goal in a 3-1 win over the Germans for the 1982 title.

★ Mexico — Manuel Negrete's bicycle kick goal in a 2-0 win over Bulgaria in 1986.

★ Holland — A 2-0 defeat of Brazil in the 1974 semi-final.

★ Peru — Oswaldo "Catchito" Ramirez's two goals in a 2-2 draw with Argentina to qualify in 1970.

★ Scotland — A 2-0 win over Wales to earn a berth in the 1978 Cup.

★ South Korea — A 3-2 loss to heavily favoured Italy in 1986.

★ Spain — A goal by Telmo Zarra in a 1-0 win over England to advance to the 1950 semi-finals.

★ Sweden — A 5-2 loss to Brazil in the 1958 finals with Pele scoring two goals.

★ United States — A header by Joe Gaetjens in a 1-0 over heavily-favoured England in 1950 at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

★ Uruguay — A 2-1 win over favoured Brazil to win the 1950 World Cup.

★ Venezuela — A 1-1 draw with favoured Uruguay in the 1978 qualifying round.

★ West Germany — The second half goal by Helmut Rahn which produced a 3-2 final win in 1954 over Hungary after losing 8-3 to the same team in the preliminary round.

★ Yugoslavia — Peter Radakovic's goal to beat West Germany 1-0 in the 1962 quarter-finals.

## Kids! Don't miss it . . .

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# Split backlash possible

FRANK SCICLUNA REVIEWS NATIONAL INTERESTS

THE current political events in Yugoslavia which led to the ugly football riot in Zagreb last week must raise questions as to the wisdom of going ahead with next month's tour by Hajduk Split.



There can be little doubt that the political upheaval taking place in the long antagonistic Yugoslav republics was the main cause of the fighting between Croats and Serbs.

As similar feelings between the two rival groups are also running high in this country, it's quite feasible to foresee similar problems coming to the surface during the tour.

With Australian soccer still reeling from the harmful publicity caused by the recent incident involving political differences between Greeks and Macedonians, the code needs another such occurrence like it needs a hole in the head.

While the visit by Croatian-based Hajduk is not designed to be anything more than a simple gesture of goodwill, there must exist a strong risk that a handful of dangerous hot heads may turn our stadiums into political battle fields.

Certainly, security at Hajduk's matches will need to be extremely tight to prevent any potential trouble but I wonder how on earth anyone can stop highly determined, organised attempts by rival factions hell bent on forcing their political be-

liefs on the Australian public.

What was always going to be a high risk tour from the very beginning is now in danger of being further inflamed by the recent events in Zagreb.

Quite frankly, we just don't need the spin off that could occur.

Apart from giving the post-Arok Socceros a couple of rare outings against European opposition, there's very little if anything to be gained from the whole exercise.

The Socceros have got everything to lose and absolutely nothing to gain from such matches.

The code is on a hiding to nothing.

The recent visit by Torpedo Moscow was a perfect case in point.

Arok led his side to a good 3-0 win in Melbourne, but what did it really mean?

Its impact on the sporting public was negligible.

Yet look at the headlines whenever Australia beats a soccer nobody like New Zealand — anyone would think that we won the World Cup!

The simple fact is

that prestige is only found in full international matches where the pride of one country is pitted against another.

This is what the Socceros should be offered.

Unless the likes of Liverpool, AC Milan, Real Madrid or one of the really high profile clubs are invited to take part in a big prize money tournament, the only fixtures arranged for the Socceros should be fully fledged internationals.

If financial restraints prevent countries like Brazil, Italy or West Germany being brought out here, there's nothing wrong with settling for less glamorous opponents.

Asian countries which readily come to mind include Japan, South Korea and China.

Cameroon, Algeria and Egypt can provide good opposition from Africa, while even Europe can give us the likes of Greece, Sweden, Norway, Turkey, possibly Denmark and numerous others.

That still leaves the Arab countries, South America and even the United States.

What about the possibility of a well sponsored annual four team tournament involving Japan, USA, New Zealand and Australia with each country taking turns to host it.

Providing a semblance of long term planning is introduced, there's no reason why the Socceros can't be provided with a full calendar of competitive international fixtures.

## Club tours

That's not to say that visits by lesser club sides should be scrapped altogether.

An opportunity certainly exists for them to be invited here, but only for matches against our leading teams.

Marconi for example, has proved beyond question in its pre-season tour of Czechoslovakia that a visit by clubs like FC Brugge would be quite an attractive, competitive fixture.

If Frank Farina is also in their ranks, the newly crowned Belgian champions will prove to be an even better drawcard.

With the right choice of visitors, careful planning and proper promotion I see no reason why club tours such as these can't provide additional revenue for some of our financially strapped outfits.

Now that summer soccer looks certain to continue, the door is wide open for such pre-season tours to take place.

But strong emphasis has got to be placed not only on the quality of opposition but also on the political consequences of such visits.

That's why, the forthcoming tour by Hajduk Split could be fraught with danger.

While their ability to provide the style of football fans yearn to watch is unquestionable, I'm more than a little nervous about the possibility of what the political events currently taking place in Yugoslavia can lead to during their visit.

# Hajduk has the pedigree to please

BY LOU GAUTIER



Hajduk coach Jurica Jerkovic.

HAJDUK Split arrive in Australia later this month as Yugoslav Cup finalists and third place finishers in the recently concluded league.

The club is one of the best pedigreed in Yugoslavia and is a member of the country's 'Big Four' in the company of fellow Croats Dinamo Zagreb and the two Belgrade giants, Partizan and Red Star.

Most honours since World War II have been shared by this quartet.

Hajduk have won the league title eight times since 1949 and the Cup also on eight occasions.

Hajduk's first championship triumph in 1949 coincided with their first tour of Australia.

They were the first European club side ever to tour Australia and brought with them two of the greatest players of the post-war era, goalkeeper Vladimir Beara and inside forward Bernard Vukas.

Hajduk then won six of their seven games here. Their only defeat was against Australia, 1-2 in Newcastle.

The team is less endowed with big names these days, but like all clubs from Yugoslavia it is highly technical.

Every player boasts superior ball skills that are certain to dazzle Australian crowds and Hajduk certainly rates above Torpedo Moscow in the current

European order.

As the team has no regular starters in the current Yugoslav national team, Hajduk will be bringing almost its full complement of players to Australia.

The regular Hajduk starting line-up reads: Pudar, Hadziabic, Drazic, Bilic, Jerkan, Kovac, Jelcic, Celic, Boskic, Jarni, Asanovic, Mihic.

vic, Mihic.

Asanovic is the team's sharpshooter, having scored 18 goals this season — the second highest total in the league.

Other players to watch are playmaker Boskic, Hadziabic and Mihic.

Hajduk is coached by a former great player, Jurica Jerkovic.

## Socceroo Squad

EDDIE THOMSON last week announced the Socceroo squad for the first of two matches against Hajduk Split.

The squad for Sunday, June 3 (6.30pm kick off at Parramatta Stadium) is:

Robert Zabica (Adelaide City), John Filan (St George), Robert Hooker (Sydney Olympic), Gary van Egmond (Marconi), Robert Wheatley (Marconi), Charlie Yankos (Blacktown City), Alex Tobin (Adelaide City), Andrew Bernal (Sydney Olympic), George Jolevski (Preston), Jean-Paul de Marigny (Marconi), Ian Gray (Marconi), Ernie Tapai (Sunshine), Mike Petersen (South Melbourne), Branko Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia), Paul Wade (South Melbourne), Tom McCulloch (Marconi), Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne), Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia), Tony Krslovic (St George).

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# GO TO THE WORLD CUP WITH BERTI MARIANI

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI's Berti Mariani, the most successful coach in the NSL, is off to see the World Cup in Italy, taking a large group of fans with him. The

group departs from Sydney's International Airport on June 21.

There is still a last chance for some six passengers to join this group if they act fast. But time is of the

essence: if you want to join Berti and his group of 40 at the World Cup, you must

telephone FAIR DEAL TRAVEL CENTRE on (02) 728 1403 or 727 2417. Mr Pino Sgambellone

lone, managing director of Fair Deal Travel, told us: "Together with Berti, I have packaged a fabulous World Cup tour to Italy."

"We have some NSL players and some real soccer personalities travelling with us which will more than guarantee a lot of fun. We have 40 people on board at the moment but another six packaged tickets have become available just this week."

"If any of your readers would like to come along with us, they must ring me almost immediately and confirm their booking."

"The package embraces 18 days in Italy, which will take in eight matches."

"We are booked in to see four of the 8th finals, two of the quarter-finals, one semi-final, plus the electrifying final at the Olympic Stadium in Rome."

"All the arrangements have been styled to follow the Italian team as far as possible."

"And that means that the atmosphere will be unbelievable as the Italian team will, of course, attract the maximum crowds."

"Watching Italy in Italy will be an unforgettable experience for all our people."

"We have planned it so that we can follow Italy in all the matches from the second round on."



"We will arrive in Southern Italy (Bari) on June 22."

Berti Mariani then chipped in to continue: "From there we move to Turin at the top of Italy, down to Rome, Bologna all in four days."

"We then spend three days in the Tuscany valley near Florence where the scenery is incredible and nothing short of magnificent."

"In Rome we pick up the quarter-finals on June 30."

"The next day we move on to Naples for the semis which kick off two days later."

"We finish off with the final on July 8 back in the Olympic Stadium."

"All our internal touring has been meticulously blue-printed by the Government body set up and called 'Italia 90 Tour'."

"Our people will see soccer and Italy all boxed in one spectacular package."

"The whole deal includes all air-fares, breakfasts, plus excellent accommodation. But there are only six more tickets now available," Mariani pointed out.



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Mr Sgambellone went on to add: "My company, Fair Deal Travel, has spent a lot of time with C.I.T. putting together this package. In fact, almost a full year has been devoted to stitching up this package with all the necessary arrangements."

"Every passenger will receive an 18 carat gold mascot as a special memento of this fabulous tour."



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# Raznjevic needed back in Melbourne

BY GREG BLAKE

THE bitterness so apparent in his voice earlier in the week was gone as Ivan Raznjevic packed his bags in anticipation of a return to his family in Portland, Oregon.

Raznjevic, the consummate gentleman, simply wanted to convey some public messages to both his players and this country before leaving, possibly never to return.

"It wasn't just me (who bought the club success)," he told ASW on the eve of his departure.

"I want to publicly thank my players very much for their brilliant performances throughout my tenure as coach of Melbourne Croatia."

"I have come to love this club and this country and I am sad to have to leave."

"But before I go I must say that there are many young and talented boys in this country and if the League promotes itself properly I have no doubt that Australia will catch up with the world in a very short time."

It sounded suspiciously like Raznjevic writing his own epitaph to his stay in Australia.

He is leaving, not the least of the reasons being that his wife is soon to have surgery for the removal of a cancerous tumour.

But he is leaving the door open for a return if Melbourne Croatia, the club he has lifted from the doldrums to its most successful seasons in history, can see its way clear to re-appointing him after its annual

general meeting next month.

Contrary to the Croatia publicity machine, which would have us believe that Raznjevic resigned, the coach of Melbourne's most successful club for the past two seasons has done no such thing.

"I had no intention of resigning and I never handed in a written resignation," he explained.

"I'm looking at this as taking leave without pay and it's up to the Croatian club to decide if they want me back."

"The signals have been that they may ask me back, but if they don't, what can I do?"

The truth of Raznjevic's sudden departure from Croatia might never be known.

Spokesman Zeljko Sabo insists that Raznjevic did resign, at least he offered a verbal resignation, after the ill-fated preliminary final defeat to Sydney Olympic.

Even before that game some club officials and a minority of fringe players did not, at least privately, fully support Raznjevic as coach.

As Sabo reasoned, "always someone will complain about something but generally he (Raznjevic) had the committee's support."

But matters came to a head following the shock loss to Olympic and Raznjevic had, as one pressman reported, "a heated exchange with club officials."

Sabo substantiated the fact that there was indeed an argument after the game.

After the clash Raznjevic was unusually upset and told me that he felt "everything is my fault, lose or win."



IVAN RAZNJEVIC

"They were very unpleasant to me on Sunday night."

But after literally dozens of phone calls from well-wishers, an official thank you from players and a couple of days to cool off, Raznjevic wanted to forgive and forget.

"There are no grudges against the administration and the people I work with," he told ASW.

"It was a misunderstanding as much as anything else."

"In fact much of what happened has been misinterpreted."

"I understand that there is lots of tension around the place during

play-off matches and I think that just spilled over after the game."

"I forgive all the people involved."

The whisper is that Croatia is also willing to forgive and forget, and that once a new committee is formed at the June AGM it will try to entice Raznjevic to return.

Veteran defender George Hannah, who will coach the team for the upcoming game against Hajduk Split, would like nothing better.

"I honestly thought Ivan was pretty safe in his job and I have given him my full support," Hannah said.

"For him to finish like that really is disappointing."

"He's bought so much success — finalists

for two years and the top Victorian club.

"They are real achievements."

"I hope the new committee wants him back."

Bags packed and with his \$8,000 pay-off from Croatia to tide him over, Raznjevic left his parting message.

"My objectives were not to satisfy particular players or people at the club, but to work for the success of the club as a whole."

"I'm thankful to the Croatian community of Australia for allowing me to do that."

## Crowds please Sam Papasavas

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas has claimed the 1989/90 summer season as an "unqualified success". He added: "Many of the critics claimed that attendances would fall, that players would not cope with the heat and that media coverage would suffer. As the League predicted, the opposite has occurred, but just as importantly the standard of soccer has improved because of the quality playing surfaces throughout the

season and the approach to summer soccer by the coaches and players." He believes the three year trial of summer soccer would conclusively show that a permanent switch of season was beneficial to the development of soccer's premier competition. The total 530,000 attendance is 30% above the previous year, and the distribution from the grand final series is estimated to end up at \$250,000.



## CHIT CHAT

**PRESTON** have put Kire Temcev and Bill Piculovski on the transfer list. St George have already approached the club for Temcev's services next season.

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**ANDREW Bernal** may be trying his luck overseas again soon. The talented Sydney Olympic defender is considering another stint in England or joining another Sydney club, which is bad news for Olympic

**TONY Pezzano's** future with Apia may be in doubt. He is only one of a handful of players who have yet to renegotiate their contracts with coach Manfred Schaefer.

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NSW State League club Canterbury Marickville Olympic remains cashed up to the extent of \$1.5 million, and may have reached the point where they can buy a suitable property. The Fraser Park complex will be auctioned by the NSW Government, and the club will be a bidder. The property can only be used for sporting purposes.

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**South Melbourne** Hellas coach Ferenc Puskas will take up the second year option on his contract with the club. It has been confirmed that he would be returning to Middle Park after discussions with president George Vasilopoulos last week.

Puskas returns to commence pre-season training on August 15.

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Home ground advantage mightn't have been the deciding factor in Olympic's upset win over Melbourne Croatia in the preliminary final but, according to Croatia defender George Hannah it played a crucial part. "There was definitely a home ground advantage," said Hannah. "Seventy-five percent of the crowd was behind Olympic on the day and when they went a goal behind those fans really got behind their team. Out on the field you could see the Sydney Olympic players lifting."

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**Preston Makedonia** has sold Martin Woodall to Brunswick Juventus

and George Slifkas to Heidelberg as it clears its stocks for next season. Woodall, who joins former Preston team mate Steve Smith at Juve, and Slifkas are joined on the outer by Kire Temcev, Bill Piculovski, John Metaxis and Tony Lingurovski, all of whom have been transfer-listed by the club. Next week in ASW new Preston coach John Gardiner reveals all about his plans to revive Preston for the 1990/91 season.

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**MEMO ABC** re their 'Goal of the Year' contest: it is a world-wide practice that no goals on set plays be included in such contests, thus ruling out John Kosmina's selection of Washington Gonzalez' tremendous goal off a freekick in Adelaide last November. The ABC's choice of QNSL Goal of the Year will be announced at the awards dinner in Adelaide on Saturday.

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**Aussie soccer fans** have fingers and toes crossed that whoever the new national coach is will be able to talk Melbourne Croatia's Alan Davidson out of Socceroo retirement. Recent press reports have suggested that the lure for Davidson might be the Socceroo captaincy. Good judges believe 'Davo' is playing better now than at any stage in his career.

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The Victorian Soccer Federation will hold yet another Special General Meeting on June 7 to thrash out the issue of the proposed 'Super League.' Also on the agenda will be the issue of voting rights of member clubs. Both issues were considered and outvoted at a Special General Meeting in April.

## Another successful soccer Golf Day

**SOCEROO** and Marconi defender Gary van Egmond joined forces with ex-Croatia player Peter Mullen to win the second Sportsforce Aussie Soccer Golf Day at Oatlands on May 1.

The day attracted players from APIA, Marconi, Forest, Allambie, Wollongong Macedonia, Avala, Croatia, Killarney Heights, Arsenal, Ninage, Ashour Star,

Sutherland, Sydney Olympic, Hornsby RSL, Warringah Freshwater and St George.

Colourful APIA goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was nearest the pin on the seventh.

Ex-Blacktown and Croatia keeper Steve Watson won the Reusch prize of a goalkeeping bag for the second consecutive year with an individual score of 36.

Lee Sterrey of West Adelaide was the unluckiest player of the day, his tee shot on the 14th bounced into the

hole and then popped out again.

Thanks go to the Fairmont Resort, Reusch Goalkeeping Equipment, Thai Airways International, Woolloomooloo Waters Hotel, Dint Putters, Australian General Adhesives, LBW Financial Services, Abel Sportswear, Sulo and Wenscott Pty Ltd.

To be on the mailing list to receive details of the third Aussie Soccer Golf Day call Mark Blythe at Sportsforce on 410 9816.



Soccer golfers pictured at Oatlands for the Aussie Golf Day organised by Sportsforce's Mark Blythe.

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# BULLEEN VENETO 1 RINGWOOD CITY 4

New coach John Corvan led his side to a fine 4-1 win against Bulleen as the home side put in a very mediocre performance in front of their home fans.

But let us take nothing away from Ringwood, who took the lead after three minutes when Duncan Plank latched onto a Spencer Jones pass and shot low and hard.

Bulleen did little to ruffle the Ringwood back four and Tuck was kept well under wraps, although it looked as if Bulleen would get back into the match when they equalised in the 53rd minute through Thodis.

Six minutes later Ringwood surged ahead when Plank scored after some good work by Stephen Walker.

Walker himself made it 3-1 in the 64th minute with a left foot shot and Steven McGuigan laid claims to Ringwood's fourth in the 85th minute after Colin Blackley deflected the ball into his own net.

# GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 FAWKNER 2

Fawknor claimed fifth place on the ladder with this win, but both sides missed scoring opportunities and in the end only Ajax have themselves to blame for allowing Fawknor the freedom they enjoyed up front.

Michael Burlak punished Fawknor when he latched onto a defensive error and fired a low shot past Tarudia in the 33rd minute.

# Ringwood slaps ambitious Bulleen

BY MARC BREKAU

Lucchesi then converted a penalty two minutes later after Emanuele was brought down by Grimaud.

The second half saw Fawknor increase their midfield work rate and became more confident in the Ajax goal area.

Turudia's long goal kick in the 76th minute provided Fawknor with the winner, his ball being picked up by O'Dell who chipped the keeper from the edge of the penalty area.

# MORWELL FALCONS 1 HEIDELBERG UNITED 1

Morwell put paid to Heidelberg's plans to join Albion as League leaders by taking them to a draw at Morwell.

Bob McLachlan's team contained Heidelberg well despite missing key players McBride and Clark through suspension.

Morwell took the lead in the 33rd minute when Frank McGrellis kept his nerve under pressure and fired home.

Heidelberg continued to pressure the Morwell defence, and gained their equaliser three minutes from half-time when Angie Goutzoulis netted from close range.

Neither club took control of the match when play resumed in the second half, and it appeared inevitable that a draw would be the result.

# MELB CITY JUST 2 CROYDON CITY 2

Melbourne JUST put in one of their best performances of the season when they held Croydon to a draw at Schintler Reserve.

Croydon took the lead in the third minute when Steve Brimmer beat two defenders and fired home after a poor clearance by the JUST defence.

Nick Naumovski

levelled the score when he picked up a loose ball after Fatoric's shot was blocked.

The home side failed to gain the advantage when Carlos Retre's penalty kick was well saved by goalkeeper John McKinlay.

To add insult to injury, Vlado Vladislavic put the ball into his own net after failing to clear during a goalmouth scramble to give Croydon a slim lead after 21 minutes play.

JUST continued to apply the pressure on Croydon, and gained an equaliser in the 38th minute when Retre made amends for his penalty miss by firing a long shot past McKinlay.

The second half continued to see JUST apply the pressure in an entertaining match and Croydon could count their blessings when McKinlay passed the ball out in haphazard fashion only to see Retre pounce on his mistake but fail to take the advantage offered to him by Croydon's keeper.

# MOOROOLBARK 0 ALTONA GATE VARDAR 3

"They absolutely slaughtered us in the first 35 minutes and we simply could not contain them. This was certainly our worst performance of the season," said Mooroolbark coach Graham French as Altona powered their way to a 3-0 away win.

The win was only the fourth for Altona in 16 games and coach Ljube Jancev would have been pleased with the overall team performance of his side.

Altona took the lead after 10 minutes through Lija Taseski, who latched onto a bad throw by keeper John Scanlon.

Vlado Tortevski made it 2-0 just before half time as Mooroolbark failed to close down the away side's attack. It was a creative display by Altona's players and on this form we can certainly be assured of a marked improvement in their league ladder standing.

Top scorer Gary McMullen scored his seventh goal of the season, and Altona's third, late in the second half to secure the points for his club.

Mooroolbark had Graham Heys sent off for a late tackle in the second half to complete a miserable day for French's side.

# NORTHCOTE CITY 1 BOX HILL 0

Box Hill were unlucky not to have taken a point off Northcote at John Cain Reserve in this Saturday fixture, and by losing have now endured 16 league matches without a win.



Melbourne Croatia in action during the triumphant National Youth League final against Apia Leichhardt at Parramatta Stadium last Sunday — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

They blocked out the Northcote forward line with some tight and accurate defensive work, especially by Brett Rice and Brendan Thomas.

Northcote left it until late to secure a winner, after both Bekiaris and Opasinas had failed to get their name on the score sheet in the first half.

Manny Anezakis received a pass from Ramos and fired home after 57 minutes play, and this one goal was enough to give Northcote the two points.

# ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 ALBION TURK GUCU 0

St Albans extended their unbeaten run to seven games and surprised many by beating League leaders Albion with a polished display in a game of few good scoring opportunities.

Danger man Jules Eres caused the damage when he latched onto a corner and headed home after five minutes play.

Albion did not put in a good performance, much to the dismay of their supporters, as St Albans endeavoured to gain an advantage over the visitors by playing the long ball from defence.

Ante Radic made his debut for the home side after recently being brought from overseas, and did well on the day, adding experience to this young and talented side.

# CAULFIELD CITY 1 BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS 2

Brunswick were forced to play out the second half with 10 men after Rino Minichiello was sent off in the 41st minute.

Despite this, Brunswick still managed to run out winners as new signing Martin Woodall repaid some of his transfer fee with the winner in the second half.

Shan Lane con-

turn missed the opportunity to take over as league leaders.

Frankston commenced this match in a defensive mood and clamped down on front runners Christaldo and Zeminik early.

Zeminik only had himself to blame as he missed two good scoring chances early in the match, and then fired the ball hard against the post after Frankston failed to clear the ball from the goalmouth after 10 minutes.

Frankston tried to break through the Thomastown defence by playing the long ball to Stevie Keenan, however this did little to create chances for Frankston and any opportunity that was presented to them was dealt with by 20-year-old keeper Zoran Janakievski.

# LEADING SCORERS

10 Lwis (Heid), 8 Eres (StA), 7 Tuck (Bull), McMullen (Alt G), Douglas (Albion), 6 Livingston (Bull), Klepac (Croy), Pappas (Caul), Smith (Juve), Anezakis (Nth), Goutzoulis (Heid).

# LADDER (R16)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion	16	9	5	2	23	8	23
Heidelberg	16	10	2	4	34	16	22
Croydon	16	9	4	3	23	16	22
Thomastown	16	8	6	2	22	18	22
Fawknor	16	9	3	4	25	19	21
Bulleen	16	8	4	4	25	22	20
Brunswick	16	8	3	5	25	14	19
Green Gully	16	8	2	6	21	15	18
Morwell	16	5	7	4	19	14	17
Northcote	16	7	3	6	21	18	17
Caulfield	16	6	3	7	22	23	15
St Albans	16	5	5	6	19	17	15
Altona Gate	16	4	6	6	18	14	14
Melb. City	16	3	8	5	16	21	14
Ringwood	16	4	3	9	20	33	11
Mooroolbark	16	3	4	9	12	21	10
Frankston	16	1	3	12	9	34	5
Box Hill	16	0	3	13	11	38	3

# ROUND 17

SATURDAY MAY 26  
Morwell Falcons v Croydon City, Altona

Thomastown dropped a point against lowly Frankston Pines and in



Hajduk Split's star goalkeeper Ivan Pudar, due in Australia with his crack Croatian club at the end of the month.

Gate v St Albans, Mooroolbark v Box Hill, Northcote City v Bulleen.

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Albion v Thomastown, Ringwood City v Caulfield, Brunswick United v Heidelberg, Fawknor v Melbourne City, Frankston v Green Gully.

# Gillette award to Brisbane

QUEENSLANDER Bruno Figliano now only needs Italy to reach the World Cup final to cap his dream-come-true.

The 21-year-old insurance clerk from Brisbane has won the Australia-wide Gillette World Cup competition which will see him take a red carpet ride to soccer's four-yearly showcase.

His first class tour package for two includes seats for the Naples semi-final and the final in Rome.

Figliano is of Italian parents but has never been overseas to visit relatives. "I'm going to stay on after the World Cup to see them" he said.

"I still find it hard to believe I have won. All I need now is for Italy to get through to the final."

Figliano, a former Olympic United XXXX League reserve grade fullback who quit soccer this season to study, said he had his mother to thank for the win.

"She cut out the bar code for me and had the entry for me to post," he said.

"I forgot about it but she reminded me on the last day and we went into the city to post it to make sure I made the deadline."

Figliano will take with him his younger brother John, a state youth representative who plays XXXX League with Olympic United, which also gets cash from Gillette as part of the prize.

"It was a tough choice to decide who got the other ticket, but John had really been into soccer more than me, and I knew he would enjoy it," Figliano said.

"He can meet our relatives too. I can't say thank-you enough to Gillette. This is a dream come true."

A Gillette spokesman said massive entries from around the country had been received for the contest.

"There were thousands of entries which isn't surprising considering the wonderful prize," he said.

"Gillette wishes the Figliano boys well. They can't help but have a good time."

— GREG RUSSELL

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# Brisbane Lions drop a point

BY GREG RUSSELL

A late penalty by defending Queensland XXXX League Premiers North Star ended Brisbane Lions' perfect start to the season last week.

North Star striker Mick Mulvey converted to salvage a 1-1 draw for the home side against a Lions team which had taken maximum points in its opening seven matches.

The result continued North Star's recent dominance over the Richlands club. Stars beat Lions 2-1 at O'Callaghan Park last year and snatched a 3-3 draw in the return at Richlands.

Despite sharing the points with North Star, Lions still maintained their commanding lead at the top of the table.

The Frank Liddell-coached side now looks set to dominate in the manner many wrongly predicted they would last year.



FRANK LIDDELL

forwards.

With Lions striker John Lowey repeatedly laying off for his team-mates, the visitors were unlucky not to have a greater lead at the break.

Lions failed to capitalise on their one goal advantage in the second half and began to lose their concentration as the match turned physical. Lions lost Slater with a gashed head and Lowey with a hamstring strain.

With minutes remaining, North Star

dale 6-2.

The surprise result — Rochdale were widely tipped for at least a draw — ended the unbeaten fixture run since John Stewart took over as Rovers' coach.

Four of City's goals came from Frazier Cuba, who followed coach Juan Cutillas to Spencer Park from Olympic United this year.

City took just five minutes to open their account when Kieran Cooper punished a lapse of concentration in the Rovers' defence and ran through unchallenged to slot his shot past Rochdale keeper Brett Beves.

Cuba netted the next four, finishing in close after good lead-up from Cooper and winger Enzo Dagostino. Lee Howells added City's fifth from the penalty spot.

Michael Clarkson pulled one back for Rochdale but were denied another prior to halftime when City keeper Wayne Evans saved a penalty.

Rochdale did well to hold City in the second half, but the Cuba-Cooper show got into gear again minutes before the final whistle.

Beves could only parry a Cooper shot and the goal-hungry Cuba was on hand to sweep up the scraps.

Stewart blamed the defeat on his defence, normally Rochdale's strong point. "We lost discipline at the back," he said.

The four-goal Cuba described himself as "lucky".

"Sometimes you can play well and not score," he said. "The whole team performed today. I had the chances and took them."

While the extent of City's win was surprising, the biggest upsets of the round came at the other end of the table.

Grange Thistle, who a month ago looked likely candidates for relegation, collected their second win in three games since changing coaches.

Thistle downed last-placed Mount Gravatt 2-1 at Dittmer Park —

a result which left the Hawks six points adrift and in their worst position in more than two decades.

Only a few seasons ago a clash between Mount Gravatt and Thistle would have been a top-of-the-table affair.

But last Saturday was desperate bottom of the league stuff with both clubs fielding youngsters battling to match the glory days.

Thistle goals came from Jason Burr and Scott Rackley, back after an extended overseas trip, while a Roy Smyth penalty was only the third goal in six games for the Hawks.

Olympic United also torpedoed suggestions that they are relegation contenders when they outplayed the usually entertaining Pine Rivers at Goodwin Park.

Olympic trailed to a Clayton Koch goal at halftime but rallied in front of their die hard supporters to win the match through a Harry Makridakis penalty and a goal from new signing Simon Murdoch.

East's, last year's grand final winners who also have had an indifferent start to this season, scored a morale-boosting 2-1 win over Coalstars.

Chris Fegan, a Tigers stalwart who returned to Heath Park after two years at Taringa, scored East's first goal to equalise Mark Peties' first half effort for Coalstars.

Brad Ryan netted the Tigers' winner for a much-needed three points which took Phil Thomson's side to the safety of mid-table.

In the other match of the round, Acacia Ridge could not produce the magic which enabled them to bundle Gold Coast out of the Ampol Cup midweek when they played kick-and-rush football at Taringa.

The long ball style suited the home team, who ran out 2-1 winners.

Taringa's scorers were David Munn and John Kowtan, while Ridge import Marc Flemington continued his amazing goal run with his seventh in five games.

Most clubs will be doubling up this week with midweek games, following the re-scheduling of fixtures last weekend to give a fixture free day for the Queensland-Charlton match.

Matches this weekend are: Sunday — Brisbane City v Olympic United; Taringa Rovers v Pine Rivers; Coalstars v Rochdale (Perry Park); Lions v Grange Thistle. Monday — Mount Gravatt v Acacia Ridge; North Star v Easts.

# Maroons more athletic than Charlton tourists

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND gave touring English side Charlton Athletic an overdue dose of professionalism in a fighting 2-2 draw at Perry Park last weekend.

The Bruce Stowell-coached Maroons gave a copybook display of organisation against a visiting side which only embarrassed themselves through their lack of commitment on, and sadly off the park.

The after-match excuses by Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence that he didn't expect the four-city Australian tour to be so serious, and the revelation that they didn't even bring a training kit, were a sorry reflection on the tourists rather than a downgrading of the Maroons' performance.

Had Queensland not offered Charlton undeserved respect by playing cautiously in the opening period, the enthusiastic young Maroons side could have engineered an upset.

On hearing Lawrence's excuses, an annoyed Stowell blasted Charlton's attitude to the game as a possible offshoot from their relegation from the English First Divi-

sion this season.

Despite a bumpy Perry Park which didn't suit Queensland's short-passing game, the Maroons played to a plan of zonal defence.

After a slow start in which Queensland often had more men behind the ball than in front, the home side rallied twice after going behind and thrilled the 4500 crowd with an equaliser three minutes from time.

Queensland began the game with the youngest side fielded in more than a decade. While Brisbane City stalwart Frank Pimblett controlled the game with a man of the match midfield performance, the side's young bloods gave their all.

Their efforts impressed caretaker national coach Eddie Thomson, who after the match said Carroll and fellow Pine Rivers teenager Clayton Koch would be invited to the next Australian Olympic squad training camp.

"I thought they both did well, there's plenty there to work with," said Thomson, who honoured his commitment to come to Queensland for the game despite having to miss his former Sydney Olympic winning the

NSL grand final.

"I would have loved to have been in Sydney, but I'm not disappointed with this game."

After an opening 10 minutes when both teams only probed without penetrating, there were three incidents in the next two minutes which could easily have been goals.

Charlton striker Andy Jones had a chance after he pounced on a Steve Gritt back heel, but Pimblett was on the line to clear. On the counterattack, Halford broke through and offloaded to Carroll who slipped a pass through to Koch on the burst. His shot was smothered by good keeping from Bob Bolder.

A minute later a wayward backpass by Queensland defender Stein Grodum gave Paul Williams a chance, but he wasted by shooting into the side netting.

The first goal came in the 25th minute after a series of errors. Referee Peter Hulme was harsh in penalising Andy Stowell for pushing, giving Charlton a freekick outside the box.

On their first attempt Charlton put into the wall, but were given a second go when Hulme ruled he hadn't blown the whistle, Charlton slipped the ball to the right where Jones had little trouble curling his shot around a wall which was possibly one man short.

Queensland equalised in the 58th minute when Nick Meredith mirrored his interstate goal of two years ago. After skimming the defence Meredith drove low and hard with his effort ricocheting into the goal off Andy Peake, who was being pressured by Carroll.

Within two minutes Charlton were in the lead. Jones did some good work on the left to cross deep to find Paul Mortimer unmarked on the far post. He expertly placed his header into the far side of the goal.

Queensland equalised in the 87th minute. Meredith played a short corner and crossed deep to the far post where the late arriving Andy Stowell looped a header into the net.

QUEENSLAND: Farrow, Haddow (Slater 52nd), A. Stowell, Mengotti, Hutner, Grodum, Halford, Pimblett, Meredith, Carroll (McDonagh 62nd), Koch.

CHARLTON: Bolder, Humphrey, Minto (Pitcher 77th), Peake, McLaughlin, Caton, Watson, Williams, Jones (Lehburn 72nd), Gritt, Mortimer.

REFEREE: Peter Hulme. CROWD: about 4500.

# Carbone incident sparks inquiry

BRISBANE City will conduct an intraclub investigation after a pre-match strike by their XXXX League reserve side last week.



Juan Cutillas

The strike, sparked by a club suspension of reserve keeper Joe Carbone, caused a 20-minute delay to the following XXXX League fixture.

Nine City reserves refused to take the field after Carbone had been suspended by XXXX League coach Juan Cutillas when he refused to sit on the first team bench.

It is understood Carbone had not been told he was required for first team duty on the Sunday and had subsequently "enjoyed" himself at a 21st the previous night and considered himself not fit to sit on the first team bench.

The players stayed in the dressing room, forcing reserves coach Jim Hermiston onto the field to make-up a side.

He was accompanied by first teamer Glenn Archer, who was returning from injury, and a sprinkling of Colts and third grade players.

City lost 2-0 to Rochdale.

The City committee backed the suspension of Carbone and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the strike before taking any further action.

"I've already had a lot of apologies," said club secretary Angelo Pennisi. "But the boy will still serve his suspension."

— GREG RUSSELL



Arno Bertogna

After eight rounds Lions have 22 points, three ahead of City with North Star a further five points adrift, with a game in hand.

Not surprisingly, the clash between Lions and North Star was intense with tempers fraying in the second half and earning players on both sides yellow cards.

Lions began with the expected confidence of a team leading the competition and were rewarded for their attacking style away from home when Chris Slater scored from close range after an impressive flanking run from David Hunter in the 19th minute.

North Star's attempts to counter-attack were repeatedly thwarted by Lions skipper Arno Bertogna, who repeatedly sprung the offside trap against the eager star

earned their penalty when Phil Mulvey was felled in the box by Lions keeper Rob Farrow.

The goal reflected North Star's better performance for the half with player-coach Billy Williamson labelling the draw a fair result.

"I felt we didn't deserve to lose, but at the same time, we didn't do enough to win," he said.

Conceding the late equaliser — only the second goal Lions have conceded this season — was a disappointing ending for Lions.

"We came here for three points and threw away two," said Liddell. "They're delighted with a draw, but we're sick."

Second-placed Brisbane City made the most of the Lions' halted progress at the top of the table when they thrashed Roche-



## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCENE

with Alan Clark

USC Lion recruit Tony Radic is proving a valuable lesson for players who slip out of the reckoning for one club and make it good at another.

"He has slotted in really well," said Lion coach Mike Kavalcenti.

"He has shown if you don't hit it off at one club but have ability and persevere you always can give it a go and make a success of it at another club."

"Just because you find yourself out of things at one club does not mean you are a bad player. You maybe just need a new chance."

Radic missed last week's West End Premier Cup tie after having wisdom teeth extracted.

He has made a boom, goalscoring start in a midfield role for Lion after being on the fringe of first team selection at Croatia.

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MODBURY looks sure to sign former Scottish junior club defender George Whyte.

The 23-year-old from Forfar West End played with Croatia in a trial game against club reserves.

He looked a likely First Division prospect but Croatia has decided against pursuing its interest in him.

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AMATEUR side CBC has pulled off a coup by signing Adelaide City skipper Sergio Melita until the transfer deadline date of June 30.

CBC, which has won the past three Saturday amateur league titles, is coached by former Adelaide City favourite Joe Serafini.

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MASTERFUL Mladen Putanec is proving the Croatia hit-man this season.

But that is not pleasing Croatia too much.

Strikers Steve Witwicki, George Konstandopoulos and Colin Miller are going through a goal famine.

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FINES imposed by the SA Soccer Federation on Beograd and Modbury after an after-match fracas have been cut on appeal.

Modbury had its fine cut from \$1200 to \$1000 with Beograd fined \$600 instead of \$800.

Both clubs are on a two-year good behaviour bond.

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ADELAIDE City men Joe Mullen, Steve Maxwell and Alex Tobin have been invited to attend a Level 2 and 3 coaching course for NSL players in Canberra.

SA coaching director Carlos Buzzetti



ZORAN MATIC: in charge of SA squad against Hajduk Split.

will be among instructors.

The course, under national coaching director Eddie Thomson, runs from June 23.

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SOCCER is buzzing in SA schools.

It has become an integral part of the Aussie Sports program and many SA primary schools are calling for special clinics organised by SA director of coaching Carlos Buzzetti.

Up to four sessions a day are held for the eager youngsters.

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SA is to play in a prestige soccer tournament in Vanuatu at the end of July.

The visit to the key Oceania region replaces a proposed visit to Yugoslavia which, at around \$80,000, was felt to be prohibitively expensive and too short.

The trip is seen as an incentive for players to represent SA and a valuable bridge-building venture in Oceania on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation. Costs obviously would not be as substantial as a trip to Yugoslavia.

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SA coach Zoran Matic this week will name his squad to prepare for the for the June 13 clash with Hajduk Split at Hindmarsh.

But the Adelaide City coach wants to cause as little disruption

as possible to the State League.

"With State League players playing on Saturdays and again on Wednesdays in the Cup they already have a difficult schedule," said Matic.

"I want to disturb them and their clubs as little as possible. We probably shall extend invitations to training next week and are likely to hold four sessions in the two weeks leading up to the game."

"That should give us time to have a reasonable idea how we want to approach the game."

Matic on Monday will present a report on the City board on the NSL season.

"We shall then take it from there. There might be some things they were not happy about and some I was not happy about," said Matic.

He would make no further comment on his plans other than to say: "I want to take it easier for a while and fix many things I have not had time to do."

City's Brian Bannon will be trainer, with SA coaching director Carlos Buzzetti team manager.

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ADELAIDE City's Bugsy Nyskohus is the Seppelt Wines Coach of the Month in SA.

He polled 17 votes to pip Bob Wincer, of Salisbury by one. Third was Jan Kierno of Azzurri.

He received 13

points in the monthly award scheme in which State League coaches post 3-2-1 preference votes for their peers.

Nyskohus, on 23 votes, now leads Wincer by one vote overall.

The monthly winner this week received magnanimous support from Great Western Imperial Reserve and Seppelt Brut Reserve champagne from Seppelt State and NT sales manager, Lance Symons.

Playing evergreen Nyskohus is in his second year as City's State League coach. He coached Lion for five years early in his career.

City NSL men Carl Veart and Tony Vidmar are keen to play for the State League side but both want a few weeks' rest.

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TWO goals from Andrew Borghetto and a first-minute counter from Fonz Laudato gave Lion a 3-0 win on Wednesday against Port in the West End Premier Cup. Polonia and Apac drew 0-0.

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## ACT draws 1-1 with Charlton Athletic

BY GRAHAM COOKE



TONY Lemezina made himself the toast of ACT soccer with an 82nd minute goal to give the ACT a 1-1 draw with visiting English league club Charlton Athletic at Seiffert Oval on Thursday night.

It came just as the match seemed to be slipping away from the home side after it had battled all night against the full-time professionals.

The Canberra Croatia striker, who had had a quiet night to that point, suddenly found himself with room to work out on the left.

He outpaced his marker, took the ball into the penalty area, was sent sprawling by a desperate dive from goalkeeper Bob Bolder, then regained his feet to slip the ball into an empty net.

It was the crowning achievement in a proud night for the code in the Canberra area. The ACT took the game to Charlton, worried it into mistakes and successfully applied pressure in all areas of the field.

The display drew praise from Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence: "I was impressed with the standard of their fitness. They worked hard throughout and were very well organised. They looked fitter and sharper than us."

In a side of heroes, one man should be mentioned first.

Andrew Young gave the type of big-hearted display which has become his trademark in the NSW League. He was everywhere in defence, mopping up, plugging gaps, throwing his body where others feared to go.

Not far behind was Ned Zelic, as commanding as ever at the back of the defence; Njegosh Popovich and George Kulcsar in the midfield; lively striker Kris Trajanovski, and captain Tom Sermani, whose anticipation stifled many Charlton moves in their infancy.

Charlton had the better of the early play when, with 15 minutes gone, Zelic set off on a weaving run downfield.

He left Charlton opponents in his wake until he was dragged back by Joe McLaughlan, earning the big defender a yellow card.

At the other end Jason Dunn, under severe pressure, headed over his own bar, then

captain John Humphrey showed just why he was considered one of the best fullbacks in the English First Division with a cunning lob from 15 metres which had Peter Gunning backpedalling furiously to push the ball out for a corner.

After surviving for 67 minutes, the ACT fell behind to a ridiculously simple goal. For once the defence was caught flat-footed as the ball fell to Paul Williams who tapped it just out of the reach of the second-half goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca.

Charlton should have gone further ahead two minutes later when Giannasca, leaving his area to

cope with a long ball, headed it into the patch of Darren Pitcher, but the substitute put it straight over the goalkeeper's head but Young was on the line to head away.

Just when it seemed the home side would have to settle for a narrow loss, Lemezina performed his escapology act and in almost the last minute of the game Dunn and Giannasca combined to rob Carl Leaburn of the winner.

ACT: Gunning (Giannasca), Junna, Zelic, Dunn, Young (Jancevski), Sermani, Kulcsar, Popovich (Cranney), Reis, Lemezina, Trajanovski. CHARLTON ATHLETIC: Bolder, Humphrey, Minto, Peake, McLaughlan, Caton (Flanigan), Watson (Leaburn), Williams, Jones, Gritt (Pitcher), Mortimer. Referee: R. Marshall. Crowd: 1869.

## Tassie Scene

BY WALTER PLESS

Hobart Juventus and Howrah United qualified for the final of the Premier League section of Tasmania's Summer Cup competition by defeating Hobart 3-1 and University 1-0, respectively.

Hobart City, under new coach Brett Anderton, hit the front against its sister Italian-backed club Juventus when Kim Barker scored in the 26th minute.

A superb strike by midfielder David Smith in the 36th minute saw Juventus draw level. City goalkeeper Matthew Rhodes got his hands to the ball but couldn't keep it out of the net.

Ten minutes into the second half, Grant Hildyard put Juventus ahead from close range after Paul Furjanic had miscued his shot.

Michael Lapolla killed off City's challenge by netting from Hildyard's pass in the very last minute of the match.

University took Howrah United to extra-time before succumbing to a 92nd minute goal by centre-forward Roy Baker.

Howrah had the

better of the opening half, with Paul Engels, and Alistair Hales going close to scoring. University goalkeeper, Carl Gavin, also played his part in keeping Howrah goalless.

Chris Green, of University, also missed a couple of 'sitters', especially one set up for him in the second half by Peter Crowther, who had turned a defender inside out before serving the ball to Green on a platter.

Karl Brightman was the real culprit for Howrah, however, he had his rather tame spot-kick in the 66th minute saved easily by Gavan.

In the final round of matches in the Cadbury League section of the Cascade Summer Cup, White Eagle and Hobart Juventus qualified for the final.

White Eagles demolished Croatia-Glenorchy 10-0 while Juventus downed Olympia-SBT Bank 3-1.

Scorers for White Eagle were A. Leszczynski 3, C. Pitt 3, D. Stoddart 2, N. Morrison and B. Nicholson. Hobart Juventus scorers were Harwood 2 and Pace while Berwick netted from the penalty spot for Olympia-SBT Bank.



# National Youth League Grand Final — the view from the South

## Melb Croatia ousts Apia Leichhardt

BY ROY HAY

**MELBOURNE** Croatia won the Grand Final of the National Youth League defeating Apia Leichhardt 2-1 at Parramatta Stadium last Sunday.

Croatia settled quickly and Hus Skenderovic's free-kick found Alan Davidson, the Melbourne side's surprise inclusion.

Davidson's cross threatened the goal, but was eventually cleared.

Apia came back and Aldo Martinich tried to get clear but was quickly closed down by Dino Mihocic.

Mark Talajic set up Mark Silic but his shot was well saved by keeper Sal Butera of Apia.

Croatia took the lead in the twenty-sixth minute when Dino Mihocic won a high ball and directed his header into the area, where Joe Bacak seized the chance with a quick and decisive shot.

Stipe Jerbic had to be very quick to rob Peter Lahonas in an Apia counter-attack.

With thirty-nine minutes played Martinich came down the right and set up Maurice Reyes who gave Joe

Rados no chance with a fierce swerving shot.

It was Apia's first clear-cut chance of the game.

After the break, Apia looked much more determined with Martinich causing the Croatia defence many problems.

Mark Silic had been injured in the first half and after fifty-five minutes he was replaced by Tom Lovric.

In the sixtieth minute the substitution brought its reward when Davidson flicked on Talajic's long throw and Lovric deflected the ball away from the keeper.

Skenderovic had a fine run through the centre but his final shot was blocked.

Davidson dropped back to sweeper with Paul Jurcic moving into midfield and he showed his value with two running shots, one narrowly wide, the other well saved by Butera.

Davidson's experience was vital as he prevented Apia's forward turning on the ball in shooting positions as Croatia held on for a well-deserved victory.

Anthony Frando was outstanding for Apia at right back, while Denis Bergam

until he was injured and replaced by George Tadic and Richard Milanovic made important contributions to Croatia's win.

**National Youth League Grand Final: Apia Leichhardt 1 (Maurice Reyes) Melbourne Croatia 2 (Joe Bacak, Tom Lovric).**

### ALL NSW TABLES

#### STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Southern Dist	12	9	2	1	29	11	20
Dulwich Hill	10	6	4	0	23	6	16
Campbelltown Vik	11	7	2	2	25	17	16
Fairfield City	12	4	6	2	18	15	14
Rosebery	11	5	2	4	22	21	12
Waverley	10	4	3	3	15	13	11
Granville Chile	13	4	3	6	14	24	11
Petersham	10	2	6	2	9	10	10
Central Coast	11	4	2	5	13	16	10
Gladesville H'by	10	2	5	3	15	18	9
Manly Warringah	11	2	4	5	11	12	8
Auburn Yugal	10	3	2	5	11	14	8
Mt Druitt Town	10	1	3	6	7	13	5
Orange Waratahs	11	0	2	9	10	32	2

#### STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Southern Dist	11	10	1	0	33	6	21
Rosebery	11	8	2	1	30	11	18
Granville Chile	12	8	2	2	23	15	18
Dulwich Hill	10	6	1	3	21	6	13
Gladesville H'by	10	6	1	3	27	17	13
Camp'town Vik	11	5	3	1	19	13	13
Manly Warringah	11	4	4	3	30	25	12
Central Coast	11	4	2	5	22	26	10
Fairfield City	12	4	1	7	14	24	9
Waverley	10	3	2	5	17	22	8
Mt Druitt Town	10	2	2	6	15	17	6
Petersham	10	1	2	7	7	21	4
Auburn Yugal	10	1	1	8	10	37	3
Orange Waratahs	11	0	2	9	10	32	2

#### STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Lemnos Allstars	7	5	1	1	12	5	11
Mt Pritchard	5	4	1	0	13	2	9
Bankstown	6	3	0	1	13	4	9
Hills United	6	2	3	1	13	7	7
Port Hacking	5	3	0	2	8	6	6
Cyprus United	5	2	1	2	8	5	5

Melbourne Croatia's winning squad display their national Youth League trophy at Parramatta Stadium — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

Uni of NSW	7	2	1	4	9	18	5
North Ryde RSL	6	1	2	3	8	11	4
Bathurst 75	6	2	0	4	6	9	4
Canterbury & Dist	6	2	0	4	6	15	4
West Wanderers	5	1	1	3	9	10	3
Concordia	6	1	1	4	3	13	3

#### STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Lemnos Allstars	7	5	1	1	16	6	11
Mt Pritchard	5	4	1	0	22	8	9
Bankstown	6	4	1	1	12	6	9
Canterbury & Dist	6	3	2	1	14	7	8
Uni of NSW	7	3	1	3	16	15	7
Hills United	6	2	3	1	8	8	7
Cyprus United	5	2	2	1	16	6	6
Port Hacking	5	2	1	2	5	12	5
West Wanderers	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
Bathurst 75	6	1	0	5	5	17	2
Concordia	6	0	2	4	2	18	2
North Ryde RSL	6	0	1	5	4	14	1

#### FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Hajduk Rangers	6	4	1	1	20	5	9
SSC Zagreb	6	4	0	2	17	11	8
Amcliffe	7	2	4	1	16	12	8
Concord Juniors	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
Nineveh Eagles	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Spanish Club	7	3	1	3	12	14	7
Trasandinos	5	3	0	2	12	7	6
Colo Colo	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Belmore Hercules	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Hawkesbury Dist	5	1	1	3	3	7	3
Croatia Syd Jrs	5	0	1	4	4	23	1
Rooty Hill Gunner	5	0	0	5	4	16	0

#### FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

Trasandinos	6	5	1	0	15	3	11
Concord Juniors	6	4	0	2	15	5	8
SSC Zagreb	6	3	2	1	10	5	8
Colo Colo	6	4	0	2	13	9	8
Spanish Club	7	3	1	3	12	9	7
Hawkesbury Dist	5	3	1	1	10	7	7

#### FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

West Dist Hellas	7	6	1	0	32	9	13
Macquarie Uni	8	5	1	2	18	15	11
Alexander	6	4	0	2	15	9	8
Lithgow Workmen	7	4	0	3	14	10	8
Prospect United	6	4	0	2	11	8	8
Sporting Peru	6	4	0	2	12	10	8
Ashour Star	5	3	1	1	11	12	7
GNS United	7	2	1	4	11	15	5
Chile Sports	7	2	0	5	6	15	4
Sydney Uni	6	1	0	5	7	13	2
CSI Schofields	7	1	0	5	15	25	2
Maccabi Hakoah	6	1	0	5	7	18	2

#### FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 2

West Dist Hellas	7	6	0	1	18	8	12
Sydney Uni	6	4	2	0	21	5	10
Macquarie Uni	8	4	1	3	20	10	9
Alexander	6	3	2	1	16	11	8
Sporting Peru	6	3	2	1	12	9	8
GNS United	7	3	1	3	14	18	7
Prospect United	6	1	4	1	9	8	6
Lithgow Workmen	7	2	2	3	7	12	6
Ashour Star	5	2	0	3	7	15	4
CSI Schofields	7	1	1	5	12	20	3
Chile Sports	7	1	1	5	8	20	3
Maccabi Hakoah	6	1	0	5	6	14	2

#### FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 1

Penrith	6	4	1	1	14	8	9
Pagewood Botany	6	4	1	1	12	8	9
New Welcome Sport	5	4	0	1	10	3	8
St Josephs	6	3	2	1	20	16	8
Assyrian	7	3	2	2	9	14	8

Pontian Eagles	7	3	1	3	13	12	7
Liverpool City	7	2	3	2	13	12	7
Balmain	6	2	1	3	18	12	5
Abruzzi	6	2	1	3	9	8	5
Fogolar Furlan	5	1	2	2	12	8	4
Liverpool Olympic	5	0	1	4	8	14	1
Cobrolea	6	0	1	5	8	31	1

#### FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 2

Liverpool City	7	6	0	1	20	6	12
Pontian Eagles	7	4	2	1	16	11	10
Penrith	6	4	1	1	30	4	9
Balmain	6	4	0	2	13	13	8
Liverpool Olympic	5	3	1	1	13	5	7
New Welcome Sport	5	3	0	2	15	11	6
Abruzzi	6	2	2	2	6	6	6
Pagewood Botany	6	1	3	2	12	11	5
St Josephs	6	2	1	3	8	8	5
Fogolar Furlan	5	0	2	3	5	13	2

Assyrian	7	0	2	5	2	25	2
Cobrolea	6	0	0	6	3	30	0

#### WOMENS 1ST DIVISION GRADE 1

North Ryde RSL	4	4	0	0	10	1	8
Melita Eagles	4	3	0	1	13	1	6
Liverpool Olympic	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Epping Eastwood	4	1	0	3	4	8	2
Mt Druitt Town	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
Illawarra	3	0	0	3	2	14	0

#### WOMENS 2ND DIVISION GRADE 1

Gl'ville Raven	3	3	0	0	5	1	6
Liverpool Oly	3	2	0	1	11	5	4
Melita Eagles	3	2	0	1	9	3	4
North Ryde RSL	4	1	0	3	6	7	2
Epping Eastwood	3	0	0	3	2	17	0

### STATE & AMATEUR CUPS RESULTS

#### Under 14 State Cup R1

Apia v Connells Pt 0-4, Wetherill Pk v Castle Hill 2-1, Emu Plains v Sylvania Hts 1-5, Austral v Baulkham Hills 0-1, Bankstown v Engadine Eagles 0-1, Fields Utd v Wakehurst 0-2, Marrickville v Gympie 3-3, Winston Hills v Fairfield Hts 0-2, Penrith RSL v Chullora Wolves 4-0, St George PB bye, Carrs Pk v Werrington 1-0, Sans Souci v Moorebank 2-0, Dundas Utd v Crest 0-1, Menai Hawks v Canterbury 4-1, Greystanes v Kissing Pt 2-1, Mt Druitt v Maroubra Utd 0-6, Liverpool Albion v North Rocks 6-0.

#### Under 16 State Cup R1

Oatley RSL v Cherrywood 1-1, Revesby Lions v Martin 2-0, Pendle Hill v Sylvania Hts 4-1, Liverpool Rangers v Baulkham Hills 1-0, Beverly Hills v Earlwood Wand 2-1, Kingslangley v Wakehurst 2-0, Marrickville v Gympie Utd 3-0, Winston Hills v Epping YMCA 2-0, Penrith RSL v Miranda Magpies 1-6, CSI v Bankstown 4-1, Werrington v Georges Hall 3-0, Lilli Pili v Auburn 0-10, Macquarie Comb v Menai Hawks 0-1, Canterbury v Springwood 0-5, Kissing Pt v Mt Druitt 1-1, Balmain PCBC v Liverpool Albion 2-2, Campsie Utd v West Pen Hills 0, Earlwood Wands B v Rockdale 1-1, Fairfield RSL v Puglia 0-3, Oakhill v Padstow PK 0-4.

#### Under 18 State Cup R1

Oatley RSL v Connells Pt 0-8, Revesby Lions v Castle Hill 6-0, Pendle Hill v Sylvania Hts 2-2, Liverpool Albion v Baulkham Hills 4-0, Panania RSL A v Engadine Eagles 0-99, Fields Utd v Cronulla Seagulls 6-1, Georges River v Gympie Utd w/f, Winston Hills v Epping YMCA w/f, Kirrawee v Chullora Wolves 1-1, Panania RSL B v Nth Epping Rangers 4-0, Werrington v Hurlstone Park 1-1, Lilli Pili v Dundas Utd 2-2, Crest bye, Baulkham Hills v Mt Druitt n/avail, Canley Hts v Panania RSL C 6-3.

#### All Age Amateur Cup R1

Oatley RSL v Connells Pt 3-2, Wetherill Pk v Castle Hill 2-1, Pendle Hill v Sylvania Hts 1-4, Liverpool Rangers v Earlwood Wands 2-0, Panania RSL A v Engadine Eagles 1-3, Greenacre v Cronulla Seagulls 5-0, Marrickville A v Gympie Utd 1-4, Lakemba Sports v Epping YMCA 0-6, Kirrawee v Miranda 1-0, St George PY A v Nth Epping Rangers 1-2, Werrington v Sans Souci 1-4, Lilli Pili v Dundas Utd 0-5, Crest v Menai Hawks 0-6, Canley Hts v Canterbury 5-0, Connells Pt B v Bass Hill RSL 4-1, Park Rovers v Liverpool Albion 2-1, Campsie Utd v West Pen Hills 1-1, Engadine Eagles A v Granville Kewpies 7-0, Cronulla RSL v East Bankstown 0-4, Oakhill College A v Padstow PK 0-3, Liverpool Rangers v Grays Pk n/avail, Riverina B bye, Begrad B v West Side Pant 2-4, Belmore A v Caringbah Rangers n/avail, Lugarno v West Pymble 1-3, Marrickville B v Dundas Utd B 2-3, St Dubbo Wands v St George PY B 4-1, Epping Eastwood v Canobolas Ran 2-0, Panania RSL B v Kenthurst 0-9, Umina Utd v Como West Jan 4-0, Leppington Lions v Georges River 4-1, Newtown v Concord n/avail, Hornsby RSL v Campbelltown RSL 1-0, Oakhill Coll B v Orange CYMS 1-2, Carlton Rov B v Epping Eastwood C 1-3, Nth Sutherland v Collegians 5-0, Dundas Utd v Penhurst West 0-5, Bundeena Mainbar v Hurstville RSL 4-5, Riverina A bye, Eschol Pk v Marrickville C n/avail, Parkview v Lilli Pili A 2-5, Nth Shore Hel v Patricia Bros 2-1, Orange Waratah v Heathcote Waratah 1-2, Holy Cross Col v Carlton Rovers A 0-3, Epping Eastwood B v Beograd A w/f, Orange Ex Service v Belmore B 2-5, Granville Waratah v Quakers Hill 1-0.

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## Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup Micos excels for Waverley College

FROM LINDSAY HEWISON

ONE of this year's new entrants in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup is Waverley College.

In a first round game they were opposed to Newtown High at Camperdown Oval.

Waverley started well with John Micos scoring on early goal after a fine run by Kevin de Sousa but after that it was all Newtown.

Newtown dominated the remainder of the first half but all they had to show for this dominance was an equalising goal by Daniel Owusu-Ansah.

It was a relieved Waverley that saw the interval reached with the score still equal, testimony to excellent keeping by Peter Varvassos.

Newtown were still on top early in the second stanza till Micos scored a fine solo goal to put Waverley ahead again.

Waverley now began to assert themselves and a cross from Matthew Spanko was turned in by replacement Peter Pahos to further increase the lead.

John Micos completed the scoring with a third goal five minutes before time. A very good win to Waverley after stern opposition from Newtown.

The Blue Mountains was the setting for another Round One match — Katoomba High at home to Nepean High.

The very heavy ground caused the ball to often stop dead or

skid wickedly on the wet surface and led to many close calls in both penalty areas.

The only goal in a very even first half came when a ball found Katoomba's David Roberts unmarked on the edge of the penalty area. His accurate shot just inside the post gave the Nepean keeper no chance.

Nepean camped in the Katoomba half in the second period but couldn't break down a determined defence.

A rare Katoomba breakaway saw Simon Bestley's shot parried by the keeper and Michael Francis following up put away the rebound. Katoomba were then able to hold out Nepean for a very hard fought victory.



Level 3 coaches course candidates snapped in Canberra. Rear: 1 to r: Steve Darby (staff), Tony Radford, John Cannock, Phil Reis, Mike Milovanovic, Tony Romero. Front: Eddie Thomson (National director), Paul Fitzpatrick, Tom Sermanni, Tony Giannasca, Tony Oliviera, Jim Gordon.

## James Ruse girls awesome

BY LINDSAY HEWISON

AN earlier start to the competition plus the recent arrival of good weather has seen this year's Commonwealth Bank Shield for girls well advanced compared to last year.

Defending champions James Ruse High have been in awesome form with wins over Arthur Phillip 7-0 and Baulkham Hills 8-0.

The Cotton twins Megan and Elizabeth have improved so much in just six months and were a nightmare for defenders at the recent

Met West regional trials, turning them inside out.

Allied to Heloise Gibb, captain Yvette Cotton and keeper Tracey Clay, they will again be hard to beat.

All five of these players were selected in the Met West squad.

In the other group in Met West, last year's semi-finalists Bidwill have also started in fine fashion with wins over Jamison 10-0 and Nepean 2-0. They play Plumpton in the fourth round.

This is a team with few stars who rely on teamwork for their successes.

Up in Newcastle, the beaten finalists from last year, Glendale High, have shown that they again mean business with a 19-0 demolition of hapless Newcastle High with the Feighan sisters, Kerry and Kristy, scoring five goals each.

In the South-West of Sydney, the other semi-finalists, Bass High, with their very young Years 8 and 9 team have also started well with a 7-0 win over Moorebank.

On the other side of the draw, last year's final 16 side Eagle Vale downed Ingleburn 3-0 in a game in which a packed Ingleburn defence made scoring difficult.

Danielle Vouden's speed and skill on the right wing and Tracy Clayton, dominant in midfield, spearheaded the victory.

This young side will face stern opposition from East Hills Girls and Canley Vale in later rounds.

Met East sees Kirrawee in fine form with wins over Port Hacking 6-2, Kingsgrove 4-2 and Engadine 3-0 though both Jannali Girls and Canterbury Girls are also expected to do well.

## Crnkovic against NSW bans

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia will not support the banning of national flags, emblems and foreign language announcements from NSW Soccer League grounds.

Club official Frank Crnkovic has slammed the moves as heavy handed and discriminatory.

"Canberra Croatia, like all responsible soccer clubs, condemns violence and will work to eliminate it from the sport," Crnkovic said.

"But we do not believe it can be done by the introduction of blanket bans on things like flags and emblems.

"That will not stop people hating each other if the hatred is already firmly imbedded in their minds.

"And there are many older people among the crowd at our games who have difficulty with the English language.

"If the announcer has an accent and if the announcements are not repeated in Croatian they have no idea what is going on."

Crnkovic says the proposals should not have been made public until the clubs had had a chance to discuss them and make representations to the NSW Soccer League.

"It is a crude attempt to force them upon us — another attempt to make ethnics the scapegoat for the ills afflicting soccer."

He agrees recent crowd disturbances at the Quit National Soccer League game between Sydney Olympic and Preston Makedonia damaged the image of the game.

"But it can be limited by ensuring the crowds are segregated, as they are overseas, and with an efficient use of marshals and police," he says.

"We have in Canberra a vehicle which is promoting soccer. I know a lot of people think it is the wrong vehicle but at the moment it is the only one which has the money and resources to do the job.

"Because of our expertise in the building trade and because we have people who are willing to put money into the sport, we have been able to make a number of improvements to our ground at Deakin Oval, and the visit of Sydney Croatia to open our new floodlights is an example of this."

★★★

CANBERRA Croatia supporters put their hands in their pockets at half time in the NSW Cup final in answer to a appeal to aid flood victims. The club started the ball rolling with a donation of \$500.

## \$750,000 Christie Park homebase

BY ROSS IREDALE

IN 1984 under President Jim Forrest a decision was made by the 41 member clubs of the Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association to seek the development of a new complex in a joint venture with Ryde Municipal Council.



Ross Iredale

The Association executives investigated various possibilities and as a result a submission was put to Ryde Municipal Council in early 1985 for the development of Christie Park.

In August, 1985 members of the executive were interviewed by Council's Works Committee and received a very positive hearing. Council referred the matter to the Engineers' Department for a report.



Alan Brawn

In 1986 significant progress was made on the Association's development proposal.

The trotting/soccer clash was resolved by agreeing to Council approaching the Department of Environment and Planning to swap Council land to the south for Department of Environment and Planning land to the east, thus allowing a two-field development within a relocated trotting training track.

As the Association wished to be involved in the development of Christie Park right from the planning stage, a committee consisting of Brian

Thompson, Ross Iredale and Lawrie Lynagh was formed and these three members attended the initial meeting on 23rd July, 1987 with Ryde Municipal Council Deputy Engineer, Mr Greg Hunt.

The Association then submitted a proposal to Council regarding the development of Christie Park which Council considered at its meeting on 8th September, 1987 and subsequently advised the Association that Stage 1, which comprised of the construction of two playing fields and the amenities block, was to proceed at a cost of \$500,000.

In October, 1987 the Association Committee attended a meeting of the Ryde Municipal Council Works, Parks & Traffic Committee to discuss the development and in particular the Association's contribution to the development.

The outcome of this was that the Association would provide an initial \$50,000 contribution plus a further \$15,000 per annum for 10 years with normal Council ground and lighting charges still to apply.

Work on the two soccer fields commenced in March, 1988.

Following design of the two-storey amenities, meeting room and office block, the building commenced but construction was slow due to wet weather

delays.

However it was sufficiently completed to allow the holding of the Association's Annual General Meeting in November, 1989.

In addition to the Association's contribution to Ryde Municipal Council, the Association has provided the following:

1. Floodlighting at a cost of \$46,000 with half being recovered by a grant from the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation.

2. Perimeter fencing to the No. 1 field at a cost of \$10,000.

3. Aluminium seating between the two fields at a cost of \$20,000.

4. Fitting out of the amenities and office building at a cost of approximately \$25,000.

Stage 2 of the development, the carpark, providing 200 car parking spaces was commenced by the Council in 1989 and completely ready for use on completion of Stage 1.

The ground was officially opened by Major M. Lardelli on Sunday May 7.

Over the years a number of GHFA members have given a lot of their valuable time by attending meeting after meeting with one thing in mind, A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

Those involved have been Jim Forrest, Brian Thompson, Stuart Grant, Lawrie Lynagh, Trevor Burge and Ross Iredale.

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## NSW Coaching Hints

BY BARRY DAVIS

**NSW Coaches' Federation president, Vince Balzan, has announced that the organisation's popular and informative magazine, COACHING OVERVIEW, will now be available to clubs by subscription.**

"We realise that the coaches in junior clubs are volunteers and as such, are spending lots of time and money for the privilege of being involved with the teams", Balzan said.

"Our idea is for clubs to subscribe to the magazine and then make it available to their coaches in an effort to keep them up-to-date with the continuing development of the game.

"The information in the COACHING OVERVIEW is so wide-ranging that every coach will find several items of interest to them in every issue. By subscribing, the clubs will be performing a great service to their coaches," he added.

Subscription is only \$15.50 for 12 issues and further information can be obtained by phoning Vince Balzan on (02) 639 1093 (AH).

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LAST week I watched the coach of a junior

team providing some shooting practice for his players by standing in the centre of the goal and gently rolling the ball out for the players to move forward and shoot.

All 13 players managed to get in about six shots each and because the coach was using only one ball (there were six others neatly arranged on the sideline) he insisted that each shot be played directly at him.

This broke two cardinal rules of effective shooting work.

Firstly, shooting practice must be realistic and rarely will players have an opportunity to shoot from a ball which is gently rolling toward them in match play.

Generally, balls in games will be moving toward, across or away from the players and they may be rolling, bouncing or falling so it is important for combinations of these to be practised in training.

Through passes, short passes in the penalty area, dribbling raids on goal and crosses from the flanks should form the basis of all shooting practice because they are the most common situations from which shots will be taken in matches.

Secondly, because the goal was not being de-

fended by an active goalkeeper, the players had no idea how effective their shooting was and therefore they did not have an opportunity to build their confidence in front of goal.

A full-size goal and realistic goalkeeping are vital if the players are to gain the maximum benefit from their work.

Players and coaches alike must understand the difference between a good shot and one of poor quality so they can assess their abilities accurately.

The best possible shot is one which is low and moving away from the goalkeeper because they are difficult to save and are therefore likely to result in a goal.

Such shots will frequently score if they are on-target and can still result in a goal through a deflection if they are slightly off-target.

Shots played in the air are the least likely to score because if they are on-target the goalkeeper will have more time to assess the flight and be able to save and if they are off-target there is very little chance of a deflection.

Goals win matches and the only way to improve the ability to score is to provide realistic and practical work for the players at every training session.

## Talented kids respond to program

BY DAVID SMEDLEY

**IN April 1990, for the very first time, 100 High School soccer players were able to attend a coaching clinic at the NSW Academy of Sport, situated at Narra-been Lakes.**

The Academy supplied six teachers to accompany students as well as four physical education trainee teachers to aid in the camp's functions.

Accommodation and any fees required by qualified coaches was met by the Educa-

tion Department, leaving the students' cost at \$150 for the week's accommodation, meals, tuition etc.

The Academy's major aim was to attract country students who receive such an opportunity very rarely.

There were also faci-

lities for 18 female players.

Over the period of a week the students received tests based upon speed, acceleration, flexibility and fitness.

A personal printout on their results was collated and given to each student at the completion of the camp.

In the area of special guests, the students were paid visits by Les Scheinflug and Frank Arok, and treated to a game with Ian Gray and Paul Okon, who were accompanied by their coach Berti Mariani.

The NSW Soccer Federation took good advantage of the facilities offered to them by the Academy of Sport.

Not only did the program give the players a chance to expand their sporting horizons, it also gave the clubs the chance to look upon future stars who otherwise might not have been discovered.



**BLACKTOWN U13:** Coach: Dave Quinn. Manager: Michael Quinn. Normie Swift, Andrew Zelig, Peter Calderone, Stephen Falls, Dale Hedley, Wade Hedley, Jurgen Bell, Daniel Vincent, Robert Pontelli, Paul Smithers, Adam Miller, Scott Ferguson, Ben Gabriel, Todd Walker, Anthony Pileneto. Pic: H. CARRASCO

## Today's under 7s to be the stars of season 2001

FROM ROBERT WHEATLEY

**THE 1989/1990 inaugural "summer season" of the NSL has shown that the players chosen to represent the league as the Stars of the 90s have all performed well.**

More players will be chosen in the future. Paul Okon (Marconi) and Matthew Bingley (St George) were recently in Canberra at the Institute of Sport as part of the squad vying to represent the 1991 Australian Youth team.

The remaining four players (John Markovski, Paul Trimboli, Steve Georgakis and Aurelio Vidmar) are regarded as vital members of each of their respective clubs and will surely be knocking on the door for upcoming Socceroo matches.

In our school visits we are meeting hundreds of players who are currently with local teams.

By introducing a range of basic soccer skills to existing and also new players we aim to make them aware of the game.

The Stars of 2001, however, are currently in action every Saturday morning on local parks throughout the entire state.

In concluding our 20

school visits in the Kuring-gai Association district, I spent a Saturday morning watching potential stars of 2001.

The under 7 Banks-town v Wahroonga match ended in 2-2 draw with a speedy and direct striker bagging two goals for Wahroonga.

A star of 2001? Perhaps!

These players will be 18 in 2001 and if they are as successful as the Stars of the '90s today then they will assume the mantle.

Our school visits will continue in the Manly-Warringah Association starting at the end of the month.

Keep an eye out for schools and dates.

## Book Review

**"THE Proud Champions", recently released in paperback form in Sydney, is a worthwhile book which travels off the normal beaten track.**

## Soccer history wanted

**THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is turning to the public for items of soccer interest for use in their displays.**

All material will go on show at Hornsby Westfield Shopping-town from Monday June 4 to Saturday June 10.

If you can assist, please telephone Promotions and Development Office Robert Wheatley on 629 2833.

Written by Bret Harris from *The Australian* it is dedicated to "All the black battlers without a sporting chance".

It traces the sporting and outside careers of sporting Aborigines from footbatter Sir Douglas Nicholls, later Governor of South Australia, through to cricketer Eddie Gilbert, boxers Dave Sands and Lionel Rose, footballers Arthur Beeton and the Ella brothers to the Queen of the Court, Evonne Goolagong Cawley.

Figuring prominently are fascinating stories on Australian Socceroo's two leading Aboriginal heroes, Charlie Perkins and Harry Williams.

"The Proud Champions" is published by Little Hills Press Pty Ltd and costs \$14.95 in a very attractive paperback format.



## UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

**ROUND 15  
SATURDAY MAY 19  
DIVISION 1**

		U13	U14	U15	U17
St George	v	Cant/M'ville	4-3	0-0	2-0 1-8
Syd Olympic	v	Macarthur	2-3	0-0	4-2 3-0
APIA	v	Illawarra	2-1	1-2	3-3 3-0
Syd Croatia	v	Nepean	1-2	3-2	2-0 2-1
Melita	v	Bankstown	2-0	1-1	0-3 4-0
Blacktown City	v	Sutherland	2-0	3-1	4-0 0-1
Marconi	v	Sthn Districts	0-2	1-0	5-1 1-1

**ROUND 15  
SATURDAY MAY 19  
DIVISION 2**

Canterbury	v	Granville	0-2	2-0	0-0 3-1
Warringah	v	Sthn & Eastern	2-6	0-0	3-4 0-1
Gladesville	v	Polonia	4-1	4-0	2-1 0-4
Manly Warringah	v	Central Coast	1-0	1-1	1-2 1-0
Avala	v	Rockdale	1-0	1-1	0-1 1-4
Blacktown	v	Sthn Branch	1-4	3-5	3-2 0-1

(Fairfield City expelled)

**Grounded! Central Coast (light and dark halved shirts) against Fairfield City U15. — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.**

## Belnorth (ACT) visit Sydney

**Belnorth (ACT) U14, 1st Division team would like to visit and compete against Sydney teams in friendly end of season games.**

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**CROATIA U11:** Manager: Nedo Djuka. Ante Lerotic, Ante Vojvodic, Gante Nazor, Steven Bilauer, Ante Topic, Jakov Mistic, Stefan Perkovic, Dennis Cop, Damien Pera, Damien Djuka, Ante Pauelic. Replacements: Mate Drazina, John Kolic, Josip Popovic. Pic: H. CARRASCO



## Selection problems for the Soviets

**HEADING into the World Cup, the Soviet Union has been hampered by lacklustre matches and indecision about the players going to Italy.**

Two players have been dropped because of squabbles between Soviet national and regional soccer authorities that reflect political tensions in the ethnically diverse nation.

While the Soviet team has a good selection of goalies — the best, Rinat Dasayev, plays for Seville in Spain — the coaches complain of difficulties completing the line-up.

Nikita Simonyan, one of the coaches, said the biggest concern is the absence of skilled defenders, especially on the left and right sides.

The Soviet team always had good defenders in the past, but the current weakness was illustrated when talented midfielder Vasily Rats played as left-side defender in a warm-up game against the Dutch national side in March.

The team has lost two Georgian defenders — one to politics, the other to injury.

Gela Ketashvili was dropped because the Soccer Federation of Soviet Georgia broke relations with the USSR Federation.

Another Georgian, Akhrik Tsveiba, evaded the rupture of federation ties by signing a contract with Dynamo Kiev. But in a match against Dynamo Moscow during the Soviet championship, he broke a foot.

Vladimir Bessonov, 32, and rookie Oleg Luzhnyi, 22, both from Dynamo Kiev, are now the most likely candidates to play on the right side of the defence, while veteran Anatoly Demyanenko, 31, still is the best choice to play on the left side.

The coaches can be satisfied with their midfielders, the best line of the team.

Two who play for Juventus of Turin — Sergei Aleinikov, 28, and Alexander Zavarov, 29 — could be very important for the Soviets in the World Cup because they are familiar with the Italian atmosphere, style of play and local stadiums.

Lithuanian midfielder Vidas Ivanauskas also was dropped from the line-up for the same reason as Ketashvili — a falling out between the national and regional federations, Lithuania having declared itself independent of the Soviet Union.

But even without Ivanauskas, head coach Valery Lobanovsky has a good choice of players at midfield.

Oleg Protasov is the best of the strikers. Others are Alexander Boroduk, 27, and Vladimir Lyutyi, 28, who both play for West German Second Division Schalke 04.

The Soviets have traditionally fielded competitive teams, if never among the favourites for the world title.

In the World Cup, the Soviets reached the quarter-finals in 1958, 1962, 1970 and 1982.



USSR star Oleg Protasov.

The best performance was in 1966, when the team reached the semi-finals but finished only fourth.

In 1986, the Soviets were eliminated after the second round and, in 1974 and 1978, failed to get past the preliminary stage.

The Soviets have

done better in their most recent international competition, however.

They finished runner-up to Holland in the 1988 European Championships and won the Olympic soccer gold medal later that year in Seoul.

## The South American Scene

BY MARIO ETCHART

**RIVER Plate have clinched their 21st Argentine First Division title with a 2-0 home victory over Estudiantes de La Plata.**

Two goals by striker Ismael Medina Bello fired River Plate to the victory than put them five points clear at the top of the table with two matches still to be played.

River Plate, coached by the former international and captain of the Argentina national squad, winner of the 1978 World Cup, since halfway through the season, led the league for most of the 1989-90 competition.

Independiente finished second as runners up after their 2-0 win over Deportivo Español, while Velez Sarsfield finished third in front of Racing Club and Newell's Old Boys.

### SHOCK DRAW

A superb last minute freekick by replacement Rico Steinman earned East Germany a surprise 3-3 draw with Brazil in a friendly international played at Maracana Stadium in front of 68,000 fans.

Playing their last full friendly international before the World Cup finals in Italy, the locals made several mistakes in defence, showing little creativity in midfield and poor finishing up front.

It was its second disappointing performance in the last 10 days.

Previously, the Brazilians were booed by

their fans after an unconvincing 2-1 victory over Bulgaria.

Midfielders Alemao (44th) and Dunga (59th) and striker Careca (55th) scored for the South American champions, while Doll (47th), Ernst (69th), and Steinham (90th) converted the visitors' goals.

### US TEAM

The US Soccer Federation named a young squad, averaging 23 years of age, for the country's first appearance in the World Cup in 40 years.

Coach Bob Gansler named his team of 22 players which will be captained by sweeper Mike Windischmann, the most experienced representative with a record 48 full international matches even though he is only 24 years old.

Gansler left out one of his most inspirational players, Hugo Perez, who suffered a broken leg while playing for his club Red Star, in the French Second Division.

The United States have little chance of

advancing to the second round in a group where host nation Italy and Czechoslovakia are favoured to go through. The other team is Austria.

However, the confident Americans believe that they could cause another surprise, like the one of 40 years ago when the USA pulled off one of the greatest upsets in World Cup history with a 1-0 win over the mighty England in Brazil.

The US squad is:

**Goalkeepers:** Casey Keller, Tony Meola and David Vanole.

**Defenders:** Desmond Armstrong, Marcelo Balboa, Jimmy Banks, John Doyle, Paul Krumpke, Steve Trittschuh and Mike Windischmann.

**Midfielder:** Brian Bliss, Paul Caligiuri, Neil Covone, John Harkes, Chris Henderson, Tab Ramos and John Stollmeyer.

**Forwards:** Eric Eichmann, Bruce Murray, Chris Sullivan, Peter Vermes and Eric Wynalda.

## Pro refs in Italy

**ANTONIO Matarrese, the president of the Italian Soccer Federation, has vowed to go ahead with plans to hire professional referees for First and Second Division matches beginning in 1993.**

Most national amateur referees and some club officials oppose the decision.

Matarrese indicated the plan is supported by FIFA and that it may be extended to other European countries.

Under the plan, about 40 professional referees would be hired and paid by the Italian Federation.

Sources said their yearly salary may reach \$100,000.

Nearly 50 referees currently working First and Second Division matches have an amateur status and receive an "expense bonus" of \$138 a day.

Most of them have protested the Federation's decision, which would degrade them to Third Division and semi-professional matches.



**RONNIE ROSENTHAL** — despite his absence, Israel brilliantly defeated the Soviet Union 3-2 in Tel Aviv last Wednesday, but the 50,000-strong crowd showed its displeasure over the new Liverpool player's no-show by demonstrating noisily for 10 minutes before the kick-off.

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**Last line ... Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel beats England's Gary Lineker to the ball during their clash at Wembley. Lineker scored in England's 1-0 win.**



## ITALIA '90 WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN



# Can Yugoslavia be competitive?

**AS the start of the World Cup approaches, the once-ebullient optimism of Yugoslavia's soccer team is rapidly wilting. More realistic appraisals of its potential are sinking in.**

The team is known in Europe as "the world champion in friendly matches" — deadly in exhibitions but disappointing in major tournaments.

When they became the first European team to qualify for the World Cup Yugoslavs said they were certain to rid themselves of a reputation for choking when they get to Italy. Now team officials say the main goal is to qualify for the second round from the group that also includes West Germany, Colombia and the United Arab Emirates.

"Our main task is to place at least second in the group in which the Germans are clear favourites," Yugoslav coach Ivica Osim says, adding that his team has "to concentrate for the game against Colombia, which will be decisive."

Yugoslavia faces West Germany in its opening match in Milan on June 10. Out of 24 official games between the two teams, Germans have won 13 and Yugoslavs 8.

Three matches were drawn. Yugoslavia has beaten Colombia in both matches played between the two sides. It has never met the UAE.

"It will not be tragic if we lose against Germany, but we simply have to beat Colombia," Osim said. He expects that the UAE "will not play a major role in the group" from which two teams qualify for the second round.

Yugoslavia will face Spain on May 29 in Ljubljana and Holland in Zagreb on June 3 in warm-up matches.

Both venues, however, are now in doubt following the recent flare-up in what is nothing more than modern tribe warfare in ethnically strife-torn Yugoslavia.

The Yugoslavs started preparations with scoreless draws with Brazil and Poland and a 2-1 loss to England at Wembley.

Even though Osim has not announced the team for Italy, it is expected to include many players from clubs in France, Italy, Portugal and West Germany.

"We have some problems with injuries of some key players, and poor form of some others," Osim said.

The team's performance in the World Cup largely depends on Yugoslavia's best play-

er, Red Star midfielder Dragan Stojkovic, who has signed for Olympique Marseille and will start playing for the French team after the

ed in seven World Cup finals, the last one in Spain in 1982 when it dropped out in the first round.

Its best showing was



Stojkovic

championships. He likes Yugoslavia's chances.

"I don't like this defeatist atmosphere that surrounds our team. We want to play an important role in Italy," Stojkovic said.

Yugoslavia has play-

fourth place in Chile in 1962.

## JUVE WINS UEFA CUP



**JUVENTUS held out for a 0-0 draw in the second leg of the UEFA Cup final with Fiorentina last week.**

As a result of a 3-1 home win, Juventus have added the UEFA Cup to their impressive array of European trophies.

Fiorentina, playing in Avellino, dominated a physical game and twice hit the woodwork, but the Juventus defence held firm.

A win tonight by AC Milan in the Champions' Cup, will give Italian clubs an unprecedented clean sweep in Europe this season.

— LOU GAUTIER

## AUSTRIAN BONUSES

**AUSTRIAN players stand to win a million schillings (\$A112,820) each if they pull off a miraculous World Cup victory in Italy.**

The figures given by team captain Manfred Zsak are petty cash however compared to the \$US250,000 (\$A331,825) a head on offer to a winning Italian squad.

## BARCELONA BULGARIAN

**BULGARIAN national team captain Hristo Stoichkov has joined Spanish club Barcelona on a five-year contract worth four million dollars.**

Stoichkov is currently captain of the Bulgarian club CSKA and is widely regarded as one of his country's top players.

After expiration of the five-year contract, Barcelona has the right to transfer the Bulgarian player.

## BILARDO BOWS OUT

**ARGENTINA will be looking for a new boss after the World Cup — win or lose. Carlos Bilardo says he has made up his mind to stand down "because I have achieved all I can".**

Bilardo is respected by his players for his simplistic approach.

For example, his assessment of the best tactical plan: "To pick Maradona and 10 others."

## House Guests

**SOVIET striker Viktor Pasulko has been getting a taste of glasnost following his transfer to West German Second Division side Fortuna Koln.**

For while he looks for a new house, Viktor, his wife and four-year-old son have all been staying as personal guests in the home of club president Jean Loring.



BY LOU GAUTIER

• London bookies' latest odds have Italy as clear favourites to win the World Cup. The Italians are quoted at 4/1. Brazil are next at 5/1, followed by Holland and West Germany at 7/1.

• A Naples magistrate has begun a fraud inquiry into the awarding of World Cup work development contracts at the San Paolo Stadium, home ground of Napoli.

• PSV have offered Brazilian star Romario a six-year contract extension in the hope of warding off Italian interest before, during and after the World Cup finals — although the talented striker is unlikely to have recovered from his broken leg in time to play in Italia '90.

• Italian World Cup organising chief Luca di Montezemolo estimates the profits of Italia '90 as running at round \$160 million.

• Italy's Interior Minister, Antonio Gava, says up to 2,000 known domestic hooligans may be barred from attending World Cup stadia as part of the anti-hooligan World Cup crackdown.

• Brazilian World Cup boss Sebastiao Lazaroni has confirmed that star defender Josimar won't be in his squad for Italy after being arrested for sniffing cocaine.

• Toulon have transfer-listed their Hungarian striker Gyorgy Bognar, who may, however, remain in France as Nantes and Metz have shown interest in him.

• The provincial government of Upper Austria has announced plans to save bankruptcy-threatened Linzer ASK, the First Division Austrian club.

• Austria have dropped veteran sweeper Herbert Weber from their World Cup squad as the culmination of a row which began when Weber was dropped on the eve of the decisive World Cup qualifier against East Germany last November.

• The UEFA has confirmed that, if the European ban on English clubs is lifted this year, England will have three representatives only in the 1990-91 competitions — one in the Champions' Cup, one in the Cup-Winners' Cup and one only in the UEFA Cup. Liverpool, however, may be suspended for another three seasons because of the 1985 Heysel Stadium tragedy.

• Giovanni Trapattoni has renewed his contract as Inter Milan coach for a further two years despite the club's disappointing 1989/90 season.

• Roland Courbis has quit as coach of French First Division side Toulon after being charged by police of fraud at several Riviera casinos, a claim he strenuously denies.

• AS Roma star Lionello Manfredonia has started jogging again after recovering from the heart attack he suffered in the game against Bologna. But a decision about his playing future won't be taken until the start of next season.

• FIFA have ruled that Scotland must play in a white strip for their opening World Cup game in Genoa. Even though their opponents, Costa Rica, play in red, Scotland must wear their reserve strip to help people who still watch black and white television.

• The goal that gave England its recent 1-0 win over Brazil at Wembley has moved Gary Lineker into joint third place in the all-time list of England scorers. Lineker has now scored 30 goals to stand level with Tom Finney and Nat Lofthouse. Only Jimmy Greaves with 44 and Bobby Charlton with 49 are above him.

• England's World Cup squad have linked with the new cult pop group, New Order, to cut a record that is heading for Number 1 in the charts. The song is called "World in Motion".

• Blackpool are in dire financial straights. The English club is believed to be losing \$26,000 a week!

• New Zealand soccer lost one of its most popular characters two weeks ago when referee Wally Noon died after a car crash in Wellington. Noon, 39, was a player and then a coach before he started refereeing in 1975.

• The French Sports Academy has honoured FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter with its Francophone Prize — an award he shares with Formula 1 driver Alain Prost and crack US cyclist Greg LeMond.



Yugoslav midfield ace Srecko Katanec.





Scottish striker Alan McInally in action for his club, Bayern Munich, in the European Champions' Cup semi-final against AC Milan. The prostrate Italian player is Costacorta.

## Paris Pole?

DARIUS Dziekanowski is the new \$1.8 million target for French club Paris St Germain.

Jacki has failed to fulfil his early promise at Celtic and now the Scottish giants are running out of patience.

A move to Paris could suit the Polish glamour boy and St Germain know all about foreign imports after playing host to Ossie Ardiles and Ray Wilkins in the eighties.

## STEUAU 'LOLLY'



AC Milan's victory over Steaua Bucharest in last year's European Cup Final has proved profitable for the Romanian army club.

Talks between officials after that match have now led to Milan agreeing on a deal which gives them first option on any member of the 300-strong Steaua youth selection.

The payment left Milan last month in two trucks — 300 shirts, 400 pairs of shorts, 700 pairs of boots, 300 vests, 400 pairs of training shoes, 300 footballs and 350 tracksuits!

## Live on SBS

# AC Milan should keep Euro crown

BY LOU GAUTIER

EVERYTHING points to reigning European champions AC Milan retaining their crown early Thursday Australian time when they travel to Vienna's Prater Stadium to take on Benfica of Portugal.

Although this time Milan cannot count on an entire stadium devoted to their cause like in Barcelona against Steaua Bucharest last year, it's impossible to tip anything but a win for Arrigo Sacchi's team.

Despite Milan's nightmarish run of domestic outs in the last weeks of the Italian season, when they were pipped on the post in both the cup and league competitions, they remain a class above their Portuguese opponents.

Milan were most impressive in eliminating Bayern Munich in the semi-finals, despite a loss in the away leg, while Benfica only made it to their seventh Champions' Cup final thanks to a blatant 'hand' goal against Marseille.

When the two clubs last met in a European Champions' Cup final, in 1963, AC Milan won 2-1.

With Ruud Gullit likely to get a run, Benfica will be lucky to come away with a similar scoreline.

Milan's Dutch connection of Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard should again see the Cup safe-



Benfica goalkeeper Silvino.

ly back in the club's trophy room.

Benfica have connections of their own, Brazilian and Swedish namely.

Brazilian sweeper Ricardo will be back after serving a suspension against Marseille and they can also count on his countrymen Valdo and Lima.

The club also has a strong Swedish contingent with coach Eriksson, striker Mats Mag-

nusson and midfielder Jonas Thern.

On paper, Benfica looks strong enough, but on the field it will be a different story as they cannot compete with the nous of Milan.

Milan will be going for an unprecedented Italian clean sweep of European cups, something no country has ever achieved.

Sampdoria have already won the Cup-Winners' Cup and last week Juventus beat Fiorentina in the all-Italian UEFA Cup.

It would be a major surprise if Benfica did a 'Porto' Thursday morning.

Porto, you will recall, caused a boilover when they beat hot favourites Bayern Munich in the 1987 Cup final, also in Vienna.

SBS' live telecast will start at 4am Thursday in the eastern states, half an hour earlier in Adelaide, and at 2am in Perth.

The match will be replayed in full at 10 30pm on Thursday, half an hour earlier in Adelaide.

Les Murray will present the game in the studio, together with regular panelist John Warren.

# FA Cup to United!



A 60th minute goal by Lee Martin was enough to give Manchester United a 1-0 win in the replay of the English FA Cup last Thursday.

Ironically, 22-year-old Lee was the only local United product in their costly assembled team.

United were good value for their win in a match that never recaptured the excitement of the 3-3 draw five days earlier.

Manchester United, who surprisingly dropped goalkeeper Jim Leighton for Les Sealy, were almost always in control and Sealy justified his inclusion with two brilliant saves.

Though Crystal Palace were denied what looked like a penalty when Brian McClair fouled Alan Pardew, it would have been an injustice had United not won its seventh FA Cup.

Crystal Palace were a pale shadow of the dynamic side that came within a whisker of winning the first game and at times they resorted to hair-raising fouls in a futile bid to thwart their more polished opponents.



Gary O'Reilly (out of picture) heads Crystal Palace's first goal past Manchester United goalkeeper Jim Leighton (centre). United's Steve

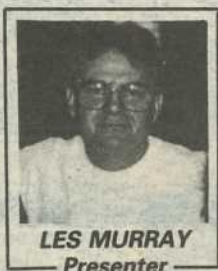
Bruce lunges in vain to clear the ball off the line, as Gary Pallister takes a tumble in the 3-3 English FA Cup final draw on May 12.



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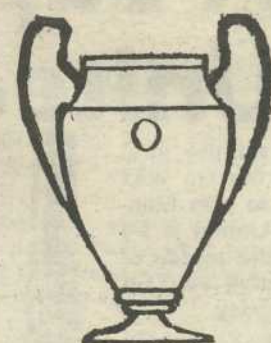


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